

Uneasy calm after 12 die in Soweto battle

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A tense and febrile calm hung over Soweto last night after simmering unrest boiled over on Tuesday night and yesterday morning into violent clashes between police and residents who feared eviction from their homes for non-payment of rent.

Official sources put the number of dead at 12, and the injured at about 70, in the fighting, the worst of its kind in Johannesburg's sprawling satellite city of some 10,000 people since the rising by black schoolchildren in 1976. Other reports on the death toll as high as 20.

One of the deaths not yet officially confirmed was that of a Soweto councillor, Mr Sydney (or Sydenham) Mkhwanazi, aged 56, who was reported to have died in hospital yesterday after being attacked by a gang of angry youths. Another councillor fled from a mob which set fire to his house.

"They moved from yard to yard, firing at everyone," one old lady told me. We were taken to one backyard where the body of one of the victims still lay, wrapped in a blanket. Mourners and friends sat on the ground rocking gently to and fro as they shielded the corpse from the sun with a battered umbrella.

The deadman's sister, Mrs Rose Sikubane, identified him as Mr Robert Nuku, aged 34, an employee of a furniture store. He was from another part of Soweto and had been visiting a woman friend at the time of shooting, she said. "We were watching TV when we heard shots. Mrs Mary Mayor, an occupant of a neighbouring house, said, "We went outside and found two men lying in the yard. I rang for an ambulance, which only took away the wounded man."

Thousands of Sowetans have been refusing to pay rent and service charges since the beginning of June in a mass protest which the authorities have so far been unable to break, partly because tenants fear reprisals from militant young activists if they do not observe the rent boycott.

Early yesterday morning, the police used teargas to disperse a crowd of about 500 youths and adults who had gathered outside the offices of the Soweto Council to protest against evictions. There were shouts of "Councillors are dogs" and "Councillors should be killed". The trouble broke out on Tuesday night in a district of Soweto called White City, which, aside from its somewhat bizarre name, is mainly known for being one of the poorest and most over-



Thompson fades after flying start

Daley Thompson trailed his great rival, Jürgen Hingsen of West Germany, by 54 points after the first four events of the decathlon at the European athletics championships in Stuttgart yesterday.

Thompson recorded a world best decathlon time of 10.26sec in the first of the 10 disciplines, the 100 metres, and also achieved a personal best of 15.73m in the shot put (above). However, disappoint-

ing performances in the long and high jumps allowed Hingsen to take the lead. The event finishes today. Three Britons, Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram and Tom McKean, qualified comfortably for today's 800m final. David Gower, the former England captain, is to take a break from cricket until the end of the season. He says he is mentally and physically exhausted after months of concerted pressure.

Disaster fight against time

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The cloud of volcanic gas that killed more than 1,500 villagers in Cameroon and injured at least another 550 people has left behind the threat of an epidemic. While an international team of scientists began investigating the disaster at Lake Nyos yesterday, rescue workers and medical teams were struggling against time to bury the bodies of the victims and the corpses of hundreds of animals.

Survivors have spoken of a thunderous roar last Thursday night that filled the air with a dense cloud of steam and gas. A mother and her child were evidently the only survivors among up to 1,000 people in the nearest village of thatched huts, half a mile from the lake. Most victims were found dead in bed, according to rescuers.

Law for unions backed by SDP

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Dr David Owen threw his weight yesterday behind a controversial proposal that would greatly curb the scope for strikes by workers in essential public services. The SDP leader said he backed a change in the law that would first refer disputes involving groups such as nurses, firemen and ambulance to independent arbitrators.

Speaking at a press conference to launch the publication of an SDP consultative document on industrial relations, Dr Owen said there is a "very real difficulty" with certain public sector groups where a walkout affects people's lives.

Tomorrow Stuttgart showdown

Coe, Cram... or could it be McKean? Britain chances Europe in the 800 metres final

Portfolio Gold

The £4,000 prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright yesterday by Mrs Patricia Crozier, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Details, page 3.

F111s fly in

Eighteen American F 111 aircraft flew into Boscombe Down, Wiltshire, last night. The US Defence Department denied any connection with Libya and said they were to take part in a Nato operation in the Mediterranean.

Locust threat

Locust swarms threatening to destroy millions of acres of food crops in Africa are defying an international campaign to exterminate them

Car insurance

A computer register of one million cars, most of them write-offs, is being launched to protect motorists from buying vehicles that are worthless

On This Day

The last execution in Britain for attempted murder was carried out on August 27, 1861. A leading article in The Times supported the retention of the death penalty for this offence

TSB aiming for a million investors

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Trustee Savings Bank has so far received inquiries from 2.5 million people about next month's share flotation, and it aims to attract more than a million people to buy its shares. Inquiries are flowing in at 100,000 a day and, with nearly four weeks to go to the closing date for application, the issue has already attracted twice as many inquiries as British Telecom did during the whole of its campaign.

Nato agrees to release troop movement details

Stockholm (Reuters) - In a major concession after bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Union, the United States has agreed that Nato will, in future, give notice of troop movements from North America to Europe, diplomats said here.

Kabul rocked by massive explosions

Islamabad (Reuters) - Massive explosions have rocked an Afghan army division headquarters in Kabul, Western diplomats said yesterday. The diplomats said the blasts, which began on Monday night causing a huge fire ball over the city, were the biggest in Kabul since 1982. They had no information on casualties or on the cause of the blasts, which are believed to have originated in the headquarters' ammunition depot.

Nimrod up to RAF standard

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

GEC yesterday claimed that flight trials it has been conducting for the past 10 days confirmed that its Nimrod Airborne Early Warning aircraft will meet the Royal Air Force's performance requirements.

Ulster walkout in flags dispute

By Richard Ford

A thousand workers walked out of Short Bros the aircraft manufacturers in east Belfast yesterday in protest at a management order to remove "loyalist" flags and posters from the factory floor.

Britons held in Spanish drugs raid

because of his post with the magazine.

Police in the Spanish city of Málaga have announced the arrest of six British citizens, including the managing director of Spain's leading English language magazine, Lookout, and said they had smashed a ring which was shipping drugs to Britain (Harry Debelius writes).

Computer mark starts O-level panic

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Hundreds of pupils who took a new joint O level/CSE examination in chemistry received the wrong grade because of a computer error. It meant that no candidate received more than a grade C, the pass mark at O level, sending many parents and their offspring into a panic.

Interest cut hopes fade

Hopes of an early round of international interest rate cuts faded yesterday, as West Germany and Japan indicated unwillingness to lower rates.

Germany's central bank announced it would not hold a press conference after today's council meeting, normally a sign of no change in policy. Record exports, page 17

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Fitgerald crisis

remove the flags, saying that they were British and had the right to fly the Union Jack in the North.

One of the ideas being mentioned by leading figures in the Democratic Unionist Party aimed at resolving the matter is that the company should fly the Union Jack every day of the year in exchange for the removal of emblems from the factory floor.

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# Partnerships of mixed professionals backed by Borrie

**By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent**

Radical changes in the law to remove restrictions on lawyers, accountants and architects forming partnerships with each other, or entering other working arrangements, were called for by the Director General of Fair Trading yesterday.

In a report, Sir Gordon Borrie, the director, says that present restrictions are fettering competition between the professions and inhibiting developments in the way professional services can be offered to clients.

As a result consumers are being deprived of the choice of obtaining all their professional advice and services from one place, or seeking such advice from individual members of the different professions, he says.

Most professions at present restrict the way their members may practice and generally allow only sole practice or partnerships with members of the same profession.

Sir Gordon urges the amendment of the Solicitors Acts, which prevent solicitors sharing fees or forming other associations with other professionals. He notes that there is a "good deal of interest" in support for mixed practices involving solicitors and others, chiefly in the joint provision of conveyancing.

"I fully support the view that such mixed practices should be encouraged, with suitable safeguards for the maintenance of professional standards and adequate consumer protection."

On barristers, Sir Gordon says that they are more restricted than other professionals in that they are only allowed to practice as individuals.

Relaxation of that rule, including allowing barristers to set up joint partnerships with solicitors, raises wide issues about the fusion of the two branches of the legal profession. The provision of legal services is now being examined by a joint Bar Council/Law Society committee and any action in the meantime would be inappropriate, he says.

On accountants, Sir Gordon notes that they can now practice in "virtually any form."

He calls for the Companies Act, 1985 to be amended to enable a corporate accountancy practice (which includes members not qualified to audit) to act as an auditor for a company, and also urges a review by the Department of Trade on the rule which requires practices of more than 20 partners to incorporate, unless all are qualified to audit companies.

The report, one of four studies aimed at promoting competition in the professions, notes that architects are free to practice in any form they choose.

Reaction to Sir Gordon's proposals was mixed yesterday. Mr Brian Singleton-Green, parliamentary and legal secretary of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, welcomed the report.

But the legal profession was critical. Mr Robert Johnson, QC, for the Bar, said the partnerships of barristers could reduce consumer choice.

"We are a highly competitive profession and it is by no means uncommon, particularly in specialist fields, for members of heads of chambers to appear against each other. If sets become partnerships, that ceases to be possible and the choice of the specialists for the client would be reduced."

The Law Society said that the report was disappointing. Sir Gordon had failed to assess whether the damage to the profession's independence from mixed partnerships would be outweighed by any benefit for the public.

Restrictions on competition in the professions from room 515, Chancery House, Chancery Lane, WC2A 1SP.

## Women to get say on cancer surgery

**By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent**

Women are being invited to challenge surgeons and medical specialists about the treatment of breast cancer at a conference this autumn.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Britain, claiming about 14,500 lives a year. One woman in five is likely to contract the disease.

The biggest controversies in its treatment, including the use of radical surgery, alternative forms of therapy, and the side-effects of radiation and drugs, are to be discussed by experts at the conference.

Their evidence will be presented to a panel of 12, half of whom will be lay members, and debated by the audience, which will include members of the public.

Professor Bryan Jeonett, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Glasgow University and one of the organizers of the conference, said yesterday: "We believe that doctors have to be more open with the public and more prepared to listen the patient's point of view."

"This is a definite move in that direction and we have deliberately chosen a controversial subject in order to stimulate a public discussion of it."

The conference, which is being held in London on October 1-3, has been organized by the King's Fund Forum, which introduced the concept of consensus conferences (at which topics are debated by the audience) to Britain two years ago with a meeting about coronary bypass surgery.

Dr Jackie Spiby, an associate consultant at King's Fund College, Paddington, west London, said: "It is important to discuss how much involvement women should have in deciding what treatment they receive, how much of the breast should be removed, and what types of treatment should be given."

"Women can attend this conference on equal terms with doctors and surgeons. It gives them the chance to influence changes in treatment. Often the medical profession is not aware of how strongly women feel about some of these issues."

Details of the conference are available from Dr Spiby at the college, 2 Palace Court, London W2 4HS (Telephone 01-229-9361).

## Sour taste of sweets for babies

**By Our Science Correspondent**

Babies are suffering from tooth decay because of too many sweet treats. One in three is fed sweets or chocolate by the age of six months, according to a national survey published today.

Decay and gum disease in first teeth can affect the health of the second ones. "A child's teeth need to be cleaned from the moment the first one appears, and should be seen regularly by a dentist," an article in *Under Five* magazine says.

Half of the parents surveyed believed sugar was good for children and had not received professional advice, the magazine found.

"Although it is hard to resist the social pressures and withdraw such 'treats', it is essential that we do so," the article says.

Dentists are treating children under 18 months with decay caused by "sugar bathing" from baby drinks. "Sucking at a bottle means that the teeth can be bathed in sugar for long periods. The answer is to give water or very diluted whole fruit juice," the article adds.



Peggy Mount rehearsing with Rowena Roberts for *Rookery Nook* which opens at the Shaftesbury Theatre of Comedy next Tuesday, marking the centenary year of Ben Travers's birth. It is Peggy Mount's first West End appearance for 10 years.

## BBC TV for children

**American anger over series**

The BBC autumn television schedule of children's programmes includes an American-produced cartoon series, *Thundercats*, that is the subject of a complaint to the US Federal Communications Commission.

The commission is investigating claims that the series is a "programme-length commercial" created primarily to sell toys, and is deciding whether it should carry a disclaimer to that effect.

Miss Anna Home, head of children's programming for the BBC, said yesterday that *Thundercats*, a fantasy action adventure which will be shown every week this autumn, is "good, well made entertainment."

But, in an interview, Mrs Peggy Charren, head of the American organization, Action for Children's Television, warned British parents that allowing their children to watch *Thundercats* could result in demands for toys that would cost "hundreds of pounds."

Toys based on characters in the series are available in British toy shops.

"It's perfectly okay to have diversity of viewing, including cartoon super heroes," Mrs Charren said. "What is not okay is for children to be misled into thinking that what looks like a story, with something to say, is really commercial speech, with something to sell."

*Thundercats* is among a group of programmes that is the subject of a pending complaint at the communications commission filed by Mrs Charren's organization with support from 150 other organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers' union.

The complaint demands that the producers should be required to screen a disclosure that *Thundercats* and 60 other similar series are produced with editorial control exercised by toy manufacturers, according to Mrs Charren.

The communications commission rejected an earlier complaint against *Thundercats* in which Action for Children's Television complained that television stations were improperly sharing in the profits of toy sales. The commission ruled that the practice was not illegal.

The BBC's autumn schedule for children also includes three new dramatic series, *The Cuckoo Sister*, about a family disturbed by the apparent return of a long-lost child; *The Children of Green Knave*, based on the novel by Lucy Boston; and *Dead Entry*, a spy thriller filmed in Bristol.

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This year's winner of the "Miss Peers" prize, Hannah Phillips, aged three, from Oxnor, being crowned in London yesterday by Daniel Barnett, aged four, of Alton, who was chosen for his resemblance to the original "Bubbles" (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## City's phone numbers running out

London's current telephone numbering system is likely to run out before 1990, with less than 500,000 new numbers remaining from a capacity of 4.25 million.

However the path towards an eight digit number for London subscribers is no longer straightforward.

Since the liberalization of British Telecom, and the advent of Mercury Communications as a competitor, Britain's telephone numbers are considered to be a national resource. Any changes require the approval of the Government through the Office of Telecommunications (OfTel).

The 23 million long-suffering telephone subscribers of France, two million more than in Britain, coped well with just such a change when Paris looked like running out of seven digit numbers last year.

About half of Britain's telephone exchanges are electronic, and will merely need reprogramming. An army of engineers is expected to convert the remaining mechanical exchanges.

Researchers at British Telecom and in other countries are investigating the possibility of giving numbers to individuals rather than telephones, which would mean even more digits. Subscribers would punch in their number at whichever telephone they happened to be nearest.

## Computer guide for unwary car buyers

**By Michael Baily, Transport Editor**

A computer register of written-off cars is being launched next week to help stop the motorist from buying worthless cars.

It aims to protect the unwary buyer from vehicles that have been secretly patched up and put on the market, and from stolen cars sold with documents taken from a write-off.

The question: "Would you buy a secondhand car from this man?" is suddenly easier to answer positively thanks to this new service. Mr John Duffell, managing director of HP Information, said yesterday.

The register lists more than a million vehicles, mostly write-offs, and is available to subscribers for a small fee. More than half the secondhand car dealers in Britain are subscribers, and the service is also used by local authorities and the police.

Car thieves or "ringers" are constantly on the look-out for total write-offs whose only value is the registration documents and the engine and chassis number. Having acquired these, they steal a car of similar type, re spray it, and substitute the written-off numbers and documents.

The other risk is that unscrupulous dealers might buy a car no longer fit to use, and sell it to the unwary buyer with no more than skilful cosmetic improvements.

"This service gives us the opportunity to know if a vehicle has been written off," the Motor Agents Association said yesterday.

"A car written off for insurance purposes is sometimes bought and repaired quite legitimately by a dealer who then sells it again. But the buyer has a right to know that it is a former write-off. There is also the risk of unwittingly buying a stolen car which changes documents and numbers."

"Anybody buying a used car ought to be careful who he is buying it from, and they should get an independent inspection, from the AA for example. The computer file provides extra protection in making these checks."

HP Information was founded 50 years ago as a protection against frauds in the motor trade.

## Portfolio Gold New car is winner's ambition

A mother of two children was yesterday's outright winner of the daily Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Patricia Crozier, of St Clements Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, a reader of *The Times* for 20 years, said she has been playing since the competition was started, but never expected to win.

"I am not usually a lucky person," she said. "All I have won in the past are cakes at raffles. Usually it is always the other person who wins, never me, so the news came as quite a surprise."

Mrs Crozier said she would probably spend the money on a new car, but had not yet decided which model.

She added that she could not spend her winnings entirely on herself and would be sharing her good fortune with her husband and children.

Readers who experience difficulty obtaining a gold card should send a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

## Death case PC takes over as sergeant

Police Constable Brian Chester has temporarily taken over the duties of a sergeant six weeks after his acquittal of the manslaughter of John Shorthouse, aged five, during an armed police raid.

PC Chester, a police marksman at the time, had passed his sergeant's examination before John Shorthouse was shot dead last August and is still expected to be promoted.

He returned to his regular community beat in Coventry after his acquittal and has taken over the duties of a sergeant who is on leave.

## Port strike

Immigration officers at Harwich voted last night to walk out over an instruction for some staff to move to Heathrow airport. The 24-hour strike will leave passport control at the Essex port without cover.

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40	63,175	11,735	11,735	86,611
45	69,229	12,873	12,873	93,904
50	75,283	14,011	14,011	101,197
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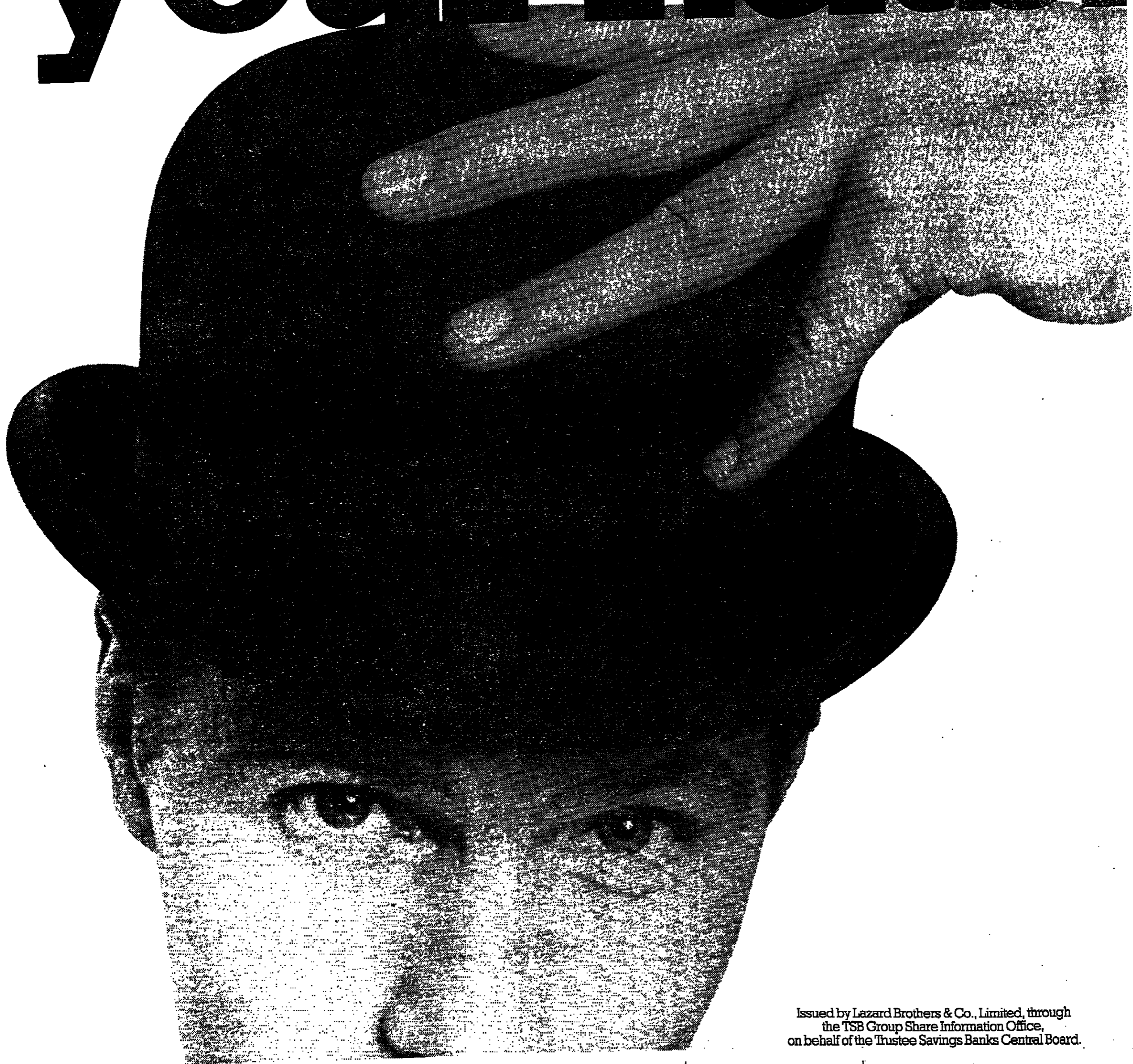
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# Shortage of customs men 'helps drug traffickers'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Drug traffickers are exploiting a shortage of customs officers by swamping controls with large numbers of couriers on flights, a joint union report said yesterday.

The major factor contributing to the increase in smuggling is the reduction in the number of customs officers at ports and airports, it says. Fewer customs checks meant that officers "are no longer able to contain smuggling".

Britain needs another 1,345 customs officers to combat the increasing amount of drugs being brought into the country, according to the report, prepared by the Society of Civil and Public Servants and the Civil and Public Services Association.

Staff cuts of 1,039 between 1979 and 1984 meant checks on passengers were down by 30 per cent, on private vehicles by 80 per cent, and on freight by 65 per cent, they say.

The report estimates that fewer than 10 per cent of passengers are stopped by customs officers, and says: "A Heathrow, the pressure at peak times is so great that as few as one passenger in 400 is stopped and questioned."

The report claims that staff cuts happened when there were clear signs that drug trafficking was on the increase. Between 1979 and



Mr John Coats in Hampton Court park yesterday with the flock he has been ordered to remove (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

## Sheep in royal park a 'hazard'

Fears that sheep may pose a serious health hazard to fallow deer has prompted the Department of the Environment to seek the removal of a flock of 200 ewes with lambs from Hampton Court park.

The hazard, malignant catarrhal fever, may be passed on when sheep and deer are in close contact.

Mr John Coats, who has created grazing in the park for many years, has been told to leave by September 22. He believes that the department is trying to evict him in order to make way for a caravan site or an extension of the golf course.

He has written to the Queen in an attempt to solicit her support. He says that the sheep and deer have been grazing together for more than 50 years, and neither has ever shown any sign of illness.

Meanwhile, deer which graze the Purbeck Hills in Dorset may be responsible for the county's worst outbreak of tuberculosis in cattle.

Ministry of Agriculture experts are investigating the possibility of a link. The disease was diagnosed in three Silke stags and one roe deer that had been ranging over the farm affected by the outbreak.

So far 65 of about 300 animals in a herd here have been affected in the outbreak, which began in September 1984, according to a ministry report.

All the deer have been shot as part of a culling operation. They were examined as part of a ministry survey of the incidence of tuberculosis in deer, started in October 1984. Woodland owners involved in culls are being asked to send the internal organs of deer to the ministry for investigation.

Tuberculosis infection in cattle is highest in the South-west. There were 53 "new" cases of infected herds in 1985, compared with only nine for the rest of England.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that investigations of deer carcasses showed that tuberculosis was not widespread in deer in Britain. "The risk of spread of the disease from the deer to either cattle or humans must be rated very low at present."

## FitzGerald facing farming crisis

By Richard Ford

Dr Garret, FitzGerald, prime minister of the Irish Republic, arrived home last night for an emergency Cabinet meeting to deal with the chaos left by the tail end of hurricane Charley.

He cut short a holiday in Cyprus to return to Dublin, having received reports of the storms that had caused millions of pounds of damage and the crisis facing the farming industry.

His Fine Gael-Labour cabinet will also discuss the increasing speculation that the coalition may be forced into an autumn general election, with the likelihood in that event of victory for Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail opposition party.

There have been almost daily reports that he may be forced into a general election before one is due in November next year, although senior colleagues of the prime minister have attempted to dampen down the spate of rumours.

However, top of the agenda at today's cabinet meeting will be consideration of an emergency aid package for the farming industry which the deputy prime minister, Mr Dick Spring, said was "facing crisis" after a second successive summer of disastrous weather.

The gales and rains that swept the country last thou-

## British citizenship for test cricketer

Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies cricket captain, and his wife have been granted British citizenship by the Home Office.

Mr Lloyd, who has been in this country every summer since first coming to play league cricket in Lancashire in 1967, has made his home in Cheshire with his wife and three children.

He joined the playing staff of the Lancashire county side in 1968 and has been captain in two separate spells in the 1980s.

"I have spent as long in this country as I have in my own in Guyana," Mr Lloyd said yesterday at Lard's, where Lancashire are playing Middlesex. "My home is here, my children were all born here and have British passports."

Mr Lloyd was married in Manchester in 1971 and has lived near Wilmslow in Cheshire since then. He and his wife, Waverley, have two daughters and a son.

It is widely believed that this will be his last season in English county cricket. He will fulfil a remaining ambition when he captains Lancashire in a Lord's final for the first time next week, against Sussex for the NatWest Trophy.

Mr Lloyd, who will be 42 on Sunday, last played for his country in 1984-85. He was formerly a citizen of Guyana, and made his first class debut for British Guiana, as it was, in 1963-64, his test debut for the West Indies in 1966-67, and became professional with Haslingden in the Lancashire League in 1967, his first visit to this country.

He made his debut for Lancashire the following year against the Australians.

Mr Lloyd played for the West Indies a record 110 times and led them in 74 test matches.

His new status as a British citizen will not affect his registration as an overseas player in English cricket. Lancashire have another overseas player in West Indian fast bowler Patrick Patterson, and, according to Test and County Cricket Board rules, the two cannot play together in the same team.



Clive Lloyd, who has twice been captain of Lancashire

## Cheaper air fares in Europe 'nearer'

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Cheaper air fares in Europe had been brought significantly nearer by the EEC threat of legal action against the leading European airlines, Mr Clinton Davis, a member of the Commission of the European Communities, said yesterday.

Negotiations between EEC governments on a more liberal regime had gathered momentum since legal proceedings against 12 Community airlines were opened, he told the Financial Times aerospace conference in London.

Mr Davis, who is Commissioner for Transport, said that he was now hopeful of agreement between Community governments before the end of the year on a step-by-step approach to liberalization on Europe's air routes.

The main thrust of EEC proposals would be to remove the power of European governments to veto fare cuts, and efforts by airlines from other states to provide competition on their routes, Mr Davis said.

Under present conditions fares were too high and the choice of services too restricted. The travelling public were not getting a fair deal.

Mr Davis's approach was strongly supported by Mr Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, who said that fares were far too high in some areas of Europe, but it was for governments rather than airlines to deal with it.

Higher fares through protectionism might have a short-term value, Mr Marshall said, but in the long term they destroyed the industry's ability to match highly competitive airlines from the United States and Far East.

"Sooner rather than later the protective walls in Europe will be breached, and I would rather it were done now so that we in Europe can be well prepared to cope," he said.

Mr Michael Spicer, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, forecast that there would be full competition between European airlines within a single market by the year 2000.

Criticizing existing restrictions by EEC governments, he said: "We find it totally unacceptable that there should be a virtually free market in the EEC for manufacturers, but a virtually closed system for services like those provided by airlines."

## Legal defect lands buyers with losses

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The "case of the tenanted maggot farm" in which a company agreed to buy a maggot farm in Yorkshire for £8,500, plus 30 gallons of maggots a week for 10 years, may not be the most celebrated case in legal history.

But it points to a 200-year defect in the law which the Law Commission, the Government's law reform body, wants remedied.

In a working paper today the commission says that under the present law buyers of land are prevented from recovering adequate damages if the deal falls through as a result of a defect in the title.

That is the case even where there is an "undoubted breach of contract", it says. In the case of the "tenanted maggot farm", the buyer agreed in 1979 to purchase on terms that the farm was handed over with vacant possession.

But because the owner had let the farm to business tenants and could not get them out, he was unable to complete the sale. The company claimed it lost more than £130,000 in trading profit. But the only damages recovered were £472.05 wasted legal fees.

In another case, that of "the overlapping plans", a couple in 1982 were granted an option to buy a building plot in Buckinghamshire for a house. A year later they exercised the option and had a binding contract to buy the land for £40,000.

But it turned out that the seller had bought two acres of meadowland with a shop in 1953 and when he had transferred part of the land to his son and grandson in 1976, he got in a muddle and the plans seemed to overlap the building plot.

The result was that the couple could not complete the contract and the most they could recover as damages was the £378.20 spent on legal fees.

The Law Commission recommends that buyers of land in such cases should be able to recover adequate damages. In general, when contracts are broken, an innocent party can recover all losses so long as the defaulter knew - or should have known - that when the contract was made those losses could occur.

That has generally not applied to land contracts on the ground that land ownership and title are too complicated for sellers to understand.

But that justification has gone, the Law Commission says, and the general rule should also apply.

The commission, which invites views on its working paper by November 30, says that the rule could be abolished very easily, with a draft clause needing only 31 words.

The Law Commission working paper 98 (Stationery Office, £1.75).

## Blind woman left without ambulance

A blind woman aged 86 with a heart condition, thyroid trouble and arthritis had to make her own way to hospital after her ambulance was cancelled, voluntary organizations disclosed today.

They said the woman, who has not been named, used to get an ambulance to the hospital where she goes for eye treatment, but on August 14 was told it had been cancelled.

In spite of being registered blind and in poor health, she made her way to hospital where she was told she should not have travelled by herself. She waited for an ambulance to take her home, but one did not arrive until after 7pm.

The case is one of several being highlighted by Age Concern, the Greater London Association for Disabled People and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.



A nationwide search for Nadia Kreid, aged five, and her brother, Alex, aged three, (above) was ordered yesterday by a High Court judge.

They disappeared with their mother, Mrs Wendy Kreid, aged 33, from their home in Foxhayes Road, Exeter, on August 12.

Their father, Mr Husain Kreid, a Libyan-born cash and carry worker, was in tears as he pleaded for their return.

"I want her and the children back. We are a family and I appeal to her to come home. Obviously though I am very worried about the children. They are very young."

Mr Justice Wood in the High Court, London, lifted reporting restrictions in the hope that publicity may help trace the runaways, and ordered a search for them.

## Legacy to save rare coastline

A wealthy Essex builder whose dying wish was for the classic English landscape to be preserved has left £800,000 to the National Trust in his will.

The trust announced yesterday that £500,000 of Mr Edward Elliott's legacy would go towards saving a mile-long stretch of coastline of outstanding natural beauty in north Norfolk.

The coastline, designated by the Nature Conservancy Council as being of special scientific interest, is part of the Sheringham Estate, which is being sold by the trustees of Mr Thomas Upcher, who died last year.

The National Trust is in the process of purchasing 770 of the 1,400 acres of the estate. The full cost of purchase, repair and maintenance will be about £1.75 million.

Sheringham Hall and its park were designed by Humphrey Repton, the architect and landscape gardener, in the last century. The purchase will mean that the coastline will remain open to the public.

There had been fears that the public would be denied access to the area for the first time in 200 years if the estate had been sold privately.

A grant towards the cost of the purchase will come from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The purchase will include cliffs at Weybourne, near Sheringham, that provide nesting sites for sea birds, including a colony of fulmars.

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## Government employees accused of corruption

Nine officials of the government Property Services Agency charged in connection with bribery, corruption and conspiracy appeared in court yesterday with nine building contractors and a former employee of the defunct Greater London Council.

They faced a total of 88 summonses between them at Horseferry Road court concerning alleged bribes by businessmen of holidays abroad, cash rewards and home improvements for Civil Servants in return for lucrative government building contracts worth in excess of £50 million.

The allegations under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1906, and the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act, 1889, relates to the period between March 1982 and April 1984.

The summons were filed after a big two-year investigation by the Metropolitan and City Police company fraud department.

They concern building contracts for work at St James's Palace, Hampton Court Palace, Harpenden House in Westminster, The Royal Hospital in Chelsea, Great Westminster House and the Ministry of Defence-owned Empire State building in Earls Court.

The accused Property Services Agency men are two district work officers and six technical officers employed at the agency's St James's Park, Hampton Court, Westminster, Victoria, Wallington and Chelsea district works offices.

All 19 men were remanded on unconditional bail for committal proceedings on October 28.

The contractors are: Peter Algar, 52, of Lonsdale Road, The Triton, South, Surrey; Brothers James Angell, 62, of Highgate, Tisbury, Wilt.

John, and Benjamin Angell, 89, of Billings Wood Farm, Pansbury Lane, Filton, East Sussex; Colin Barrow, 40, of Sandy Lane, Chertsey, Surrey; Maurice Hearn, 66, of Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire; Kenneth Jeffrey, 53, of The Woodway, Waterford, Wexford, Ireland; Kevin Stroud, 53, of Dunera Road, Bury, Greater Manchester; Victor Berry, 61, of The Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire; and Joseph Trevillion, 61, of Blenheim House, 24, of Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Other defendants are: John, 64, of Valley View Gardens, Kenley, Surrey; Roy Leung, 42, of Stroud Road, Hampton Wick, Surrey; Douglas Kerr, 60, of Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire; Dennis O'Brien, 61, of The Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire; John, 61, of The Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire; and James, 61, of The Woodlands, Wokingham, Hampshire.

The building firm named in the summons are: K. G. Dickinson, 63, Savers & Sons, and Sullivan Ltd.

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The Gulf War

Arab ministers consider naval and air guard for oil tankers

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

A network of radar detection and a new system of naval escorts may be employed to protect oil tankers from Iranian air attack in the sealanes of the Gulf, after a meeting of Arab oil ministers of the six Gulf Co-operation Council states in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Iran warning to Turks

Tehran (Reuters) - Iranian leaders have voiced concern over a Turkish raid against Kurdish rebels in Iraq, and yesterday told Turkey to stay neutral in the Gulf war.

Kohl acts to curb asylum seekers

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Measures to stop the influx of Third World asylum-seekers into West Germany were announced here yesterday by Chancellor Kohl.

Peres sees new start in Africa

Jerusalem - Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, has returned from his 28-hour visit to Cameroon confident that the resumption of ties with Yaounde could be the beginning of an important breakthrough in relations between Israel and Africa.

Britons flock to Spanish sun

Madrid - Statistics for the first seven months of 1986 suggest that this will be a record year for Spanish tourism, with some 46 million visitors expected to spend half as much again as last year.

Chirac flies out to soothe South Pacific critics

From Diana Geddes Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, flew to New Caledonia for a two-day visit to the French overseas territory of New Caledonia, in the South Pacific, where he will attempt to explain his Government's plans for the future of the islands, and calm growing criticism of France in the region.

Simmering issues that made Soweto explode

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

Soweto, Johannesburg's great black satellite city, had been simmering for a month or more before this week's clashes with the police, which have already claimed more than a dozen lives.



Relatives and neighbours gather round the body of a victim of street fighting in the White City district of Soweto.

107,000 homes. Ten years ago, only one in five had any electricity at all. The roads and sewerage system have also been much improved, and some 33,000 homes are now privately owned.

lest they earn the wrath of militant young "comrades" who are still active in the townships despite mass arrests and detentions under the State of Emergency.

Two-and-a-half weeks ago, students began boycotting classes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in protest against the presence of the soldiers.

There were not only armed soldiers in the classrooms, said Mrs Sisulu, who led a protest by a delegation of parents, which succeeded in getting the soldiers removed.

Crisis for Italian hoteliers

From Peter Nichols Rome

Luxury hotels in Rome are working at about a fifth of their capacity, and the catastrophic situation, it is believed here, is the result of something much broader than the American tourist boycott of Europe.

Reasons can be found for the fall, including the American boycott and the fear of terrorism, shown by the relatively steep fall this year in the number of persons using aircraft to come to Italy, by comparison with those crossing the borders by train or motor car.

Tension in Mediterranean

US plays down reports of imminent raid on Libya

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration's war of nerves against Colonel Gaddafi of Libya appears to have got out of hand, and senior officials are now trying to dampen speculation that a second and larger US raid on Libya is imminent.

where the deliberately alarmist talk began, may have overstated the case. "Our fear is that these panic stories will undercut the Walters mission," The New York Times yesterday quoted one administration official as saying.

Family of dissident meet press

From David Bernstein Jerusalem

The newly reunited Shcharansky family went public for the first time yesterday, with a press conference in Jerusalem after having spent the first 36 hours in Israel in determined seclusion.

Harare frees Times reporter

Harare (Reuters) - Zimbabwe security officials yesterday detained for three and a half hours John Raath, a correspondent for The Times, and told him he had been stripped of his Zimbabwean citizenship, colleagues and lawyers said.

Minister to be executed

Moscow (Reuters) - A former minister for the cotton cleaning industry in the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan has been sentenced to death for corruption.

Law approved

Paris (Reuters) - France's Constitutional Council has approved a new law on identity checks which has been contested by the Opposition.

Hail damage

Berne (Reuters) - A 15-minute hailstorm in the Geneva area last week caused more than 100 million francs (\$40 million) in damage.

Briton freed

Delhi (Reuters) - Police in Goa released Mr Shiv Kumar Trikha, aged 24, a British citizen, who had been held for two days because he resembled a prime suspect in the murder of the retired army chief, General Arun Vaidya.

Playboy clear

Istanbul (Reuters) - The Turkish editions of men's magazines Playboy and Playmen have been acquitted in obscenity cases against them.

Stamp protest

Berlin (Reuters) - East Germany protested against the rejection by the West German Post Office of its stamps depicting the Berlin Wall as a bastion against fascism.

Eta expulsion

Bayonne (Reuters) - France expelled a suspected Basque militant to Spain, the seventh in less than six weeks and the second in less than 24 hours.

Bodies found

Schiers (Reuters) - Swiss police have recovered the bodies of two Italians wedged between rocks in the Landquart river after their canoe capsized.

Room sealed

Jerusalem - Israeli security forces sealed off a room in the home of Mr Allah al-Din Bazyan, the blind leader of the terror gang charged with murdering Mr Paul Appleby of Bristol earlier this year.

Balkan storm

Belgrade (Reuters) - Gales and torrential rains caused \$16.6 million damage in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia over the weekend.

Chernobyl rescue made leak worse

From Pearce Wright, Science Editor, Vienna

The escape of radioactivity from the Chernobyl nuclear reactor in April was made worse over the first ten days by the measures taken to contain the accident.

how the calculations had been done of the radiation exposure to people at different distances from the power station.

Unrest 'exaggerated'

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet official yesterday described reports of unrest among Estonian military reservists drafted to help with decontamination work near the Chernobyl nuclear reactor as exaggerated.

ported a work stoppage by conscripts who learnt that their tour of duty in Chernobyl was being extended.



Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, being greeted on his arrival in Maputo yesterday by President Samora Machel of Mozambique. The two will have discussions on "matters of mutual interest" during Mr Arafat's brief visit.

white settlers of European origin represent 37 per cent. Immigrants from Tahiti, Wallis and Fortuna and the Indian sub-continent account for the remaining 20 per cent.

**Tamil guerrillas keep on training while negotiations continue**

**International pressure gives impetus to search for peace in Sri Lanka**

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Mounting international pressure, a security situation which does not seem to get any better and a growing weariness among both main ethnic groups in Sri Lanka are all fuelling an engine of peace in the country, providing an impetus for talks between the Government and the political Liberation Front (TuF).

Incidents like the finding of Tamil refugees adrift in the Atlantic off Newfoundland have concentrated the attention of the international community on the strife in the island republic.

There also is a renewed determination by India, the regional giant, to settle matters before they can expand beyond regional status.

At the same time the present pace of negotiations is achingly slow. Western diplomats observing the process are anxious lest the present pressure for a settlement be dissipated, but it is now clear that the present round of talks will not produce a solution.

"There will have to be another round of talks," said Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, the secretary-general of TuF, who is leading the Tamil side.

Mr Amirthalingam and his colleagues will return to Madras in India at the weekend to consult their colleagues.

They will also give some indication to the armed militants based in south India of the progress that has so far been made.

No full agreement can be made without the concurrence of the extremist groups, which have been fighting for a separate Tamil state in the north and east of the country for five years.

No official statement has yet been made on the content of the talks in Colombo, but it is clear that until now they have been concentrating on the details of devolution of powers to nine provincial councils, and have so far left alone the main issues, on which there is much less chance of real agreement.

There has, though, been a measure of agreement on what used to be thought of as difficult subjects, such as the relationship between the central and the devolved governments on police powers and on land settlements.

Government sources feel that there is virtual agreement on the new police set-up, and that only one more issue needs solving on land settlement.

While the negotiations have been taken up with this, no doubt valuable, kind of dealing, the issue of whether or not the northern and eastern provinces could combine as one unit has not been discussed.

This is likely to be the key to the success or failure of the negotiations. Both sides have deeply entrenched positions on it.

"It is fundamental to the security of our people that the northern and eastern provinces should form one unit," Mr Amirthalingam said yesterday.

But the Government knows that Sinhalese opposition to a combination of the two areas has been the point at which many previous attempts at solving the ethnic crisis broke down.

A second important issue which is expected to be broached only today when the two sides meet - leaving only one further session before the TuF leaves the country - is the list of subjects which will be the responsibilities of the new councils and which retained by the centre.

It seems unlikely that there will be time for an agreement to be hammered out.

One way of compromising on issues to bring a speedier agreement has been the establishment of various commissions to look into specific problems - an example again offered by India, which managed to produce a peace accord in strife-torn Punjab by referring contentious issues to judicial referees, but not always with success.

In this way it seems possible, for example, that planning the funding of the new councils will be referred to a finance commission.

There are hopes that the dispute over the unification of the two Tamil-dominated provinces could reach a compromise by reference to a boundaries commission, to sit after the new councils begin operation. But this seems less likely to have the endorsement of the Tamils.



Members of the Tamil Tigers guerrilla group (above) taking part in a mock battle at a training camp about 20 miles north of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, while another crawls under barbed wire (left).

About 120 new members are trained in guerrilla warfare every three months at the camp near the coastal town of Valvedditarai, and within 1 1/2 miles of three Army camps.

The instructors are other members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, usually with combat experience.

With Tiger activities moving further south down the east coast, many of the new recruits are from those areas and will go home once their training is finished.

The Tigers say they take pride in maintaining a rigid, professional army-style training routine. They also make their own weapons. (Photographs: John Reardon)

**Minister flies to discuss Gurkhas**

from David Bonavia Hong Kong

Mr John Stanley, British Minister of State for the Armed Forces, arrived here yesterday to discuss defence costs and the recent incident involving the dismissal of 111 Gurkha soldiers.

Mr Stanley's visit is understood to have been arranged before the incident last May when Gurkhas refused to co-operate with an inquiry into an assault on Major Corin Pearce and a Gurkha colleague during exercises in Hawaii.

It was the worst disciplinary incident in the history of the Gurkhas, who are based in Hong Kong but whose future is in doubt.

The defence costs agreement between Britain and Hong Kong is due for renegotiation next March, and Mr Stanley is expected to discuss the matter with Hong Kong government officials.

Other British politicians concerned with defence are expected to follow him.

Mr Stanley will report directly to Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, on his return. But the departure of the Gurkhas from Hong Kong, whether to another base or for eventual disbandment, is opposed by security officials here.

There is some concern that, in the event of civil unrest in Hong Kong before the scheduled transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997, it would not be enough to rely on an increased police force.

Most of the Royal Hong Kong Police are of Chinese race and might fear retaliations if they had to put down disturbances. Serious trouble is not expected but there is concern that every eventuality should be covered.

**Soviet pact rejected by Lange**

From Richard Long Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday rejected a Soviet offer of military co-operation less than 24 hours after it was put forward by Mr Mikhail Kapitsa, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister.

"The best co-operation we can have from the Soviet Union is to have their vessels as far away from New Zealand as ours are from Russia," Mr Lange said. "There is certainly no proposal for any form of military co-operation with the Soviet Union."

He was responding to comments from Mr Kapitsa, who said after talks on Tuesday with Mr Frank O'Flynn, the Defence Minister, that there was a possibility of a bilateral agreement under which the Soviet Union would undertake to inform New Zealand of its naval movements in the Pacific.

**Setback for Britain in case against MI5 memoirs**

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The British Government's agreement to treat as true a former MI5 officer's allegations of wrongdoing by his superiors had "quite dramatic" consequences for attempts to have the claims suppressed, a New South Wales Supreme Court judge said in Sydney yesterday.

Mr Justice Powell was delivering judgement on applications made earlier this month, when it was agreed that "for the purposes of these proceedings only, and not otherwise, London would admit that, among other things, Sir Roger Hollis, former head of MI5, was a Soviet spy."

In yesterday's ruling the judge dismissed an application by the British Government to make Mr Peter Wright and Heinemann Australia, which wants to publish the former agent's memoirs, answer a number of questions on the manuscript.

At the same time, the judge ordered the Government to answer within two weeks five questions posed by Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Wright and Heinemann. Costs were awarded against the Government.

Mr Turnbull said later that the ruling was "yet another humiliation for the British Government" in its attempts to stop publication. He said it should now accept that the case was lost.

It is 11 months since proceedings began against Mr Wright, who is living in retirement in Tasmania.

Mr Turnbull has said during hearings that the manuscript contains allegations including "infringements of the immunity of diplomatic premises, conspiracies to commit trespass and one conspiracy to murder", as well as numerous breaches of the Maxwell-Fyfe directive, the charter of MI5.

Mr Justice Powell said yesterday that the Government's application for an injunction, set down for hearing on November 17, would proceed on the basis that:

- the Wright allegations were true;
- at least some of this information was already in the public domain;
- some of it was already known to the hostile powers that the Government had said might benefit from publication, or was out of date;
- some of it was evidence of treason or crime by members of the British security service.

This meant, he said, that the questions before him would be reduced to the following:

- was Mr Wright under contract to the Crown, and was he bound by an obligation of confidence?
- if so, did the obligation extend to all matters in the manuscript?
- notwithstanding these points, should the Government's application be refused on the grounds that the manuscript was in the Australian public interest, or that the Crown did not have "clean hands"?
- could a plaintiff in the British Government's position raise an issue of "public interest immunity"?
- was it contrary to the Australian public interest that the information be published?
- The judge said that, as a result of the truth admission, many of the questions to which the Government had objected - questions to be put to Sir Robert Armstrong, when the hearing starts in November - were no longer called for.
- However, he ordered that "full and sufficient" answer should be made to five questions, which are understood to relate to material already in the public domain, and to whether the Government gave clearance for another book on MI5, *A Matter of Trust*, by Nigel West.

**Aquino to seek talks with rebels**

Singapore (Reuters) - President Aquino of the Philippines said at a press conference here yesterday that his Government would exhaust all efforts to solve the insurgency problem by peaceful means before taking further military action.

But she warned: "There must be a response from the other side, otherwise we may be forced to take our military options."

Military leaders in Manila are known to be uneasy over the Government's peace overtures to the communist guerrillas and Muslim secessionist forces.

Referring to the Muslim rebellion on Mindanao island in the southern Philippines, Mrs Aquino said: "While I respect the right of autonomy, it will not allow a group to secede from the Philippines."

The Philippine President did not make any reference to reports that she would have peace talks with Mr Nu Misuari, a Muslim secessionist leader.

But Mrs Alice Villalolid, presidential spokeswoman, indicated that there could be meeting before Mrs Aquino's scheduled departure for the United States on September 15. She said the date and venue had not been decided.

The President's brother-in-law, Mr Agapito Aquino, announced in Manila on Tuesday, after talks in Saudi Arabia with Mr Misuari, that there would certainly be meeting "next week somewhere in Mindanao, probably Sulu province".

Mrs Aquino said her Government was taking economic steps to attract investors back to the fold. As part of that effort it had launched a emergency employment programme, funded with about \$200 million (£134.5 million).

MANILA: Mrs Aquino returned to the Philippines yesterday, clearly buoyed by her reception on her first overseas tour since assuming office in February.

**Ruling party triumphs in Bangladesh poll**

Dhaka (Reuters) - The pro-Government Jatiya Party won eight seats in parliamentary by-elections held in Bangladesh yesterday, amid opposition charges of widespread fraud and violence.

Election officials said opposition candidates trailed by tens of thousands of votes.

But a spokesman for the opposition Awami League said: "Our victory has been robbed by the Government at gunpoint."

The by-elections were called to fill seats vacated by MPs who won in more than one constituency in the general election on May 7.

Candidates in that election were permitted to run in up to

**800 Hindus arrested to prevent march**

More than 800 Hindus were arrested yesterday in Ahmedabad, the capital of Gujarat, to prevent them from holding processions to celebrate the birthday of Lord Krishna (Kuldeep Nayar writes from Delhi).

The Hindu Suraksha Samiti (Organization for Protection of Hindus), had called the march despite a Government ban.

Ten companies of paramilitary police had been airlifted to Ahmedabad at the request of the state government, which expected trouble.

Ahmedabad has been the scene of many Hindu-Muslim clashes in the past few years, the latest of them only a month ago.

**Refugee ship searched in Canaries**

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Spanish authorities have searched the ship which earlier this month left 152 Tamil refugees at sea in lifeboats off the Canadian coast, but found that everything was in order.

The Auriga was searched after its arrival in Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands. A spokesman for the Spanish naval headquarters said yesterday that the captain, Herr Wolfgang Bindel, was not

arrested. The search, for which the presence of the captain was required, took place on Monday.

The naval headquarters did not offer any explanation for the search, Captain Bindel was free to leave the Canaries whenever he pleased, officials said.

The captain and his wife were on board the still-docked Auriga yesterday afternoon, according to an employee of the shipping agents, Walther Saermann Agency, while the

Navy spokesman thought they were at a hotel. Efforts to locate the captain were unsuccessful.

The shipping agency employee said the Auriga reached Las Palmas waters last Saturday night and waited until dawn before docking. He said the ship was empty and was not expected to pick up any cargo in Las Palmas.

The ship had put into port for fresh water and provisions. It was not known when she would depart.

**Ugandans hold up Sudan aid**

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

While about two million people in southern Sudan face famine, about 2,000 tons of relief food for them is stranded on the Uganda-Sudan border by the civil war in Sudan and by a Ugandan ban on the movement of food into Sudan.

Uganda accused Sudan at the weekend of supporting rebels who have launched attacks into northern Uganda from Sudanese territory. Khartoum has denied the allegation.

Officials of the UN World Food Programme said here that about 200 loaded trucks were stranded at Nimule on the border. Most were bound for Juba, the main town of southern Sudan.

The Ugandan ban has made it virtually impossible to transport supplies into the famine area, adding to the supply problem posed by the guerrilla war in the south.

Aid officials say there is no food left in the town of Wau, west of the Nile. It has a normal population of 150,000, but 20,000 more people have moved there after abandoning their village homes.

The civil war has made it impossible for many farmers in southern Sudan to grow their normal crops, and what has been grown cannot be transported to areas where it is most needed.

A UN food airlift into Wau was halted recently when rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army shot down a civilian airliner at Malakal, and threatened to down any

**Romania shifts Foreign Minister to trade post**

Vienna (Reuters) - Mr Ilie Vaduva, appointed Romanian Foreign Minister in November, has been relieved of his post and appointed Minister for Foreign Trade, the official Agencepres news agency reported.

Mr Vaduva, aged 49, an economist, replaces Mr Vasile Pungana, who was released from his post with no mention of a new job under a presidential decree.

The new Foreign Minister is Mr Ioan Totu, who gives up his post as Deputy Prime Minister. Another Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ion Nicolae, was relieved of his

post, Agerepres said.

Mr Cornel Pacoste, an alternate member of the Communist Party's executive committee, and Mr Dimitrie Ancuta replace Mr Tpu and Mr Nicolae, while Mr Alexandru Babe succeeds Mr Petre Gigea as Finance Minister. Agerepres said, without mentioning any new post for Mr Gigea.

Mr Gheorghe Pana, a member of the party's political executive committee, was named chairman of the Committee for People's Council Affairs with ministerial rank, replacing Mr Teodor Coman.

**Anti-subsidies alliance**

From Mario Modiano Athens

Six Mediterranean countries taking part in a monitoring programme sponsored by the United Nations' Environment Programme (Unep) reported the virtual disappearance of jellyfish from their shores this summer.

Of the 18 states with Mediterranean coastlines, only France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and Malta joined the programme after

Switzerland, Angola and southern Zambia.

A United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization expert said yesterday that the brown locust had already reached plague proportions, while the Senegalese grasshopper would cause immense damage to crops if spraying operations were not intensified.

In each case, aerial spraying must be supplemented with local operations on the ground if breeding swarms are to be wiped out before the new generation of locusts hatch out.

The European Community recently provided \$650,000 for anti-locust operations in Sudan. M Jean-Paul Jesse, the Community's delegate (ambassador) in Khartoum, said the objective was to support the Sudanese authorities in launching an attack on the breeding locusts, which are a direct threat to this year's harvests.

Mr John Dawkins, Australia's Trade Minister and chairman of the Fair Traders in Agriculture conference, which has been meeting in Queensland, said the document was the beginning of a new alliance.

It calls for the removal of market barriers and the elimination, within an agreed period, of subsidies affecting agricultural trade.

**Jellyfish slip away from beaches**

vast proliferation of jellyfish in the early 1980s which was interfering with their tourist industry.

Dr Severio Civili, the Unep marine biologist who co-ordinates the programme from Athens, said yesterday that their disappearance from coastal areas could be attributed to the end of their biological cycle. But the reason for their original appearance in such large numbers has still to be investigated.

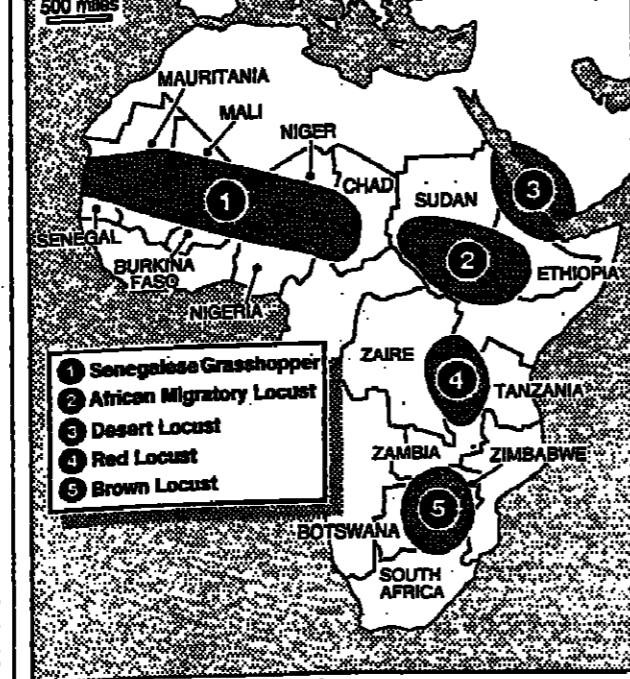
While the western and cen-

tral Mediterranean coasts now seem to have been freed of the nuisance, the shores of Israel were suddenly infested last month with hundreds of jellyfish which, according to Mr Yuval Cohen of the marine pollution section of the Environmental Protection Service in Jerusalem, created problems for bathers.

"It was a most unusual event", he said, "probably caused by freak meteorological conditions".

**African locusts stay a jump ahead of efforts to exterminate them**

From Charles Harrison Nairobi



Locust swarms which threaten to destroy millions of acres of food crops are still building up over vast areas of Africa, despite international-backed efforts to destroy the insects breeding in many different countries.

Britain, the European Community, the United States and international organizations are pouring millions of pounds into the fight against the locusts in an attempt to avert a disaster.

For the first time in more than half a century five different locust species are simultaneously multiplying at an almost unprecedented rate. Experts say the onset of widespread rains throughout Africa last year, after a long period of drought, has produced ideal conditions for locust breeding.

The crisis covers a wide belt across Africa, from Mauritania and Senegal in the west to Sudan and Ethiopia in the east, and in an almost unbroken corridor down the centre of the continent from western Tanzania to Botswana and South Africa.

The Senegalese grasshopper is threatening many of the Sahel countries in West Africa, reaching as far as Chad, where it meets the African migratory locust now breeding over a wide area of Sudan and Ethiopia.

Further east, along the Red Sea coasts of Sudan and Ethiopia, the desert locust is reported to be breeding on a large scale.

A fourth species, the red locust, affects western Tanzania and eastern Zaire, and also spreads into Rwanda, Burundi and parts of Zambia. And, finally, the brown locust, breeding in vast numbers in Botswana and adjoining areas of South Africa and Zimbabwe, is threatening to spread into Mozambique.

The European money, matched by a similar contribution from the United States, is being used to buy vehicles, spraying equipment and insecticides, and to provide technical assistance.

Concern has been expressed that the anti-locust organizations operating in different parts of Africa with international backing are no longer as efficient as they were, because their infrastructure has been allowed to run down.

Experts are particularly worried about the situation in West Africa, where the Senegalese grasshopper has been breeding as never before. After hatching out in July, the young grasshoppers attained the adult stage in only 15 to 20 days, the shortest period ever recorded.

As a result, some farmers were forced to sow their staple millet crops three or four times over an area of hundreds of square miles, while ground

teams tried to control grasshoppers by dusting immature swarms with insecticide.

Thanks to the international response, supplies of insecticide here are said to be good but there is a shortage landing strips for effect aerial spraying.

In Botswana, the locust swarms, which originated in South Africa this year, have already produced two new generations each larger than its predecessor. Cool weather has delayed the emergence of further swarms, but experts fear eggs now in the soil will hatch in vast numbers with warmer weather in September and October.

"The brown locust plague could well last four to 10 years, directly menacing crops in Botswana, and later Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia and probably Angola," FAO expert said.

## Taking a tilt at reality

### THE TIMES PROFILE

#### THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS

It would not be a TUC conference without a warm-up row, though the anonymous knife-in-the-dark attack on the general secretary, Norman Willis, has been rubber-dagger stuff when set against last year's blood letting over the destructive potency of Scargillism. Undoubtedly the affable if not always adept Willis will survive next week's affair in Brighton. Thatcher-style see-through electronic prompt screens have been added to the general secretary's rhetorical armoury this year, but even the entertaining speculation over his ability as an orator will not long divert attention from the really serious matters.

The stage has been set for a different kind of conference from that of last year, though this is not to pre-empt the possibility of some unexpected issue springing through the trapdoor to ruin the script. Since the floodtide of Scargillism abated, however, the TUC has been in contemplative mood, scanning the horizon for a sight of distant destinations as well as picking its way through such industrial relations minefields as the GCHQ controversy, the public funding of pre-strike ballots and the print workers' dispute with News International.

Behind his jokey diplomacy, and despite the sniping at his "style", Norman Willis has played a pathfinder role in all three areas. But if, as is possible, discussion of the third of the issues sees the congress degenerate into the kind of bear-bit politics at which it excels (and all the TUC's wheeler-dealing has not prevented the National Graphical Association making an attempt to suspend the EPTU, the electricians' union, from congress over its involvement at Wapping), Eric Hammond, the EPTU's individualistic general secretary,

will undoubtedly growl with the best of them. In the end, though, as they learn to live with the symptoms of withdrawal from their macho domination of the industrial and economic landscape, it is the decisions over their future direction that count. The answer, they think, is simple: they have even optimistically fashioned symbolic signposts. Most significantly, over the horizon they see a general election and the chance of returning a Labour government. (A convenient loss of memory afflicts them when reminded of the electoral damage they inflicted upon previous Labour administrations.)

They knew that Scargillism was never the way to bring about a change in the social and political climate, but it had to run its course before they could fashion a common front with the political wing of the Labour movement. That has been happening since the beginning of the year, and it could be said that the cementation of a joint programme is the true agenda of this year's congress. Neil Kinnoch, the Labour leader, a card-carrying member of the TGWU, will be making a keynote speech at congress, he and Willis are old friends, from pre-leadership days when Willis provided a guitar accompaniment to Kinnoch's singing at social occasions.

While it is possible to discern the cracks beneath the paper (over nuclear power, the minimum wage, industrial ballots), the unions and the party have put together a compromise package, for it is the image of unity and purpose that is at the forefront of minds. We have, of course, been here before — there was once something called a Social Contract — but this time hope rests not only on a new style of Labour leadership but also on an emerging new breed of trade union leader.



Stable companions in search of the right course: from left to right, Norman Willis, John Golding, John Edmonds, Bill Jordan, Eric Hammond, John Lyons and Ron Todd

## Behind his jokey diplomacy, Willis plays a pathfinder role

The breed includes a man such as John Edmonds, elected last year as general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union, who, like other trade unionists, has seen his union's membership fall victim to unemployment and industrial decline. From its 1980 peak of 12,172,508, membership of the 89 unions affiliated to the TUC dropped to 9,855,204 a year ago.

Edmonds, an Oxford graduate, a heavyweight negotiator and a political "centrist", is strong on realism. While he has given his criticism of government policies free reign — attacking it in particular over the decline in public services, which he sees as having eroded progress towards a more just society — he has also given the Labour Party and the TUC a lot to think about. For a start, he believes they have not defended the gains achieved for working people hard enough, and he is not confining his analysis to trade unionists. Edmonds, no sectionalist, actually means all working people. In putting himself at the forefront of those thinking hardest about where unions should be going for the rest of this century, Edmonds acknowledges that at present trade unionism's public esteem is at its lowest ebb.

He would like to establish a framework giving the trade union

not something at which the brothers are most accomplished.

Jordan, who earlier this year beat off a strong left-wing challenge to succeed Terry Duffy as president, believes that the unions should be falling over themselves to cooperate in returning a Labour government. Soon after his election he was quick to join with Edmonds's GMBU and Ron Todd's TGWU in stating that a deal should be worked out with a Labour government in which the unions offered self-regulation on pay.

In the pre-conference ritual there has been much to-ing and fro-ing to settle differences. The argument on behalf of minimum pay — which Labour wants in its manifesto — would appear to have won the day. Although Eric Hammond will maintain his union's objections, they can no longer credibly claim that unionization is all that stands between worker and job insecurity.

Unions, he believes, still see "an automatic and unproblematic identity of interest between trade unions as institutions and working people", but for many workers in what he sees as "the new front line" — mostly women working part-time in service industries — "trade unionism is distant, belongs to other types of workers and is increasingly preoccupied with inward and frankly incomprehensible wrangles".

In articulating a pragmatic approach, Edmonds is hoping to gain the higher ground in trade union movement attitudes, but he, like other moderates, such as Bill Jordan, the recently elected President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and John Golding, general secretary of the National Communications Union, knows there is a long climb ahead. Breaking with tradition is

his needs demand. His recent defence of Willis, once the TGWU's head of research, was not untypical. No trade unionist more than Todd wants to see the return of a Labour government, even though he has been sharply critical of some aspects of the party's policies.

In the movement's search for pre-election unity, it has taken nearly a year to reach a compromise over the thorny issue of pre-strike balloting. But Todd's concordat with the moderates will be more than sufficient to carry the majority at Congress, with perhaps five unions, including the mineworkers, voting against.

The biggest threat to that unity is the post-Chernobyl attitude towards nuclear power. Even though the TUC general council has coughed up a last-minute compromise, suggesting that Britain's nuclear power programme should be put on ice pending a comprehensive policy review, it is unlikely to take the heat out of the kind of impassioned debate at which the TUC can be at its enlightened best or its fractious worst.

While the air may be heavy with moralistic overtones, it will be a debate about jobs. With about 100,000 workers employed in the nuclear industry, the articulate and moderate John Lyons of the Engineers and Managers Association, whose membership is strongly based in the industry, will lead a vehement defence against the anti-nuclear lobby, including Arthur Scargill, whose anticipated intervention on behalf of the mineworkers will bring a breath of *All Our Yesterdays* to a congress that otherwise promises a refreshing concentration on the affairs of tomorrow.

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**Whale** An agreement by Norway to bow to international pressure and abandon commercial whaling from 1988 may have condemned Skrova, a tiny, remote community of about 400 souls in the Lofoten Islands, to extinction. That, at least, is the argument of the fishermen and their families.

Fishing is all these hardy islanders have ever had. Aside from what is thought to be the most unstable weather in the world, and some of the most spectacularly beautiful scenery this side of the North Pole, there is nothing. Skrova is unique, a remnant of a society that until not so many years ago had survived virtually unchanged since Viking times. If not longer.

But fishing and whaling are not necessarily the same thing: whaling, rather surprisingly, is a relatively recent development here. It began only in 1932, when

## Who will save the whalers?

As Norway bows to conservationist pressure, a small, rugged community watches its livelihood disappear

Norway, then a very poor country, was grappling with the Depression. Not even the magnificent cod fisheries, which still draw a great polyglot flotilla to the Lofoten Islands each winter, were enough to stave off poverty, famine and despair. When the intrepid islanders first set off after minke whale in the Vestfjorden, they were so inexperienced with cannon and harpoon that they encountered great difficulties in killing their quarry. One wretched beast suffered for a

full week while its captors — remembering vaguely that a whale was said to be an air-breathing mammal just like themselves — tried to strangle it with a rope around what they imagined must be its neck. But you do not survive in a place like Lofoten without learning fast, and the whalers of Skrova were soon as proficient as they had to be to supply an exploding market for the meat.

Norwegians disliked it at first, and its flavour of very

Whale The last few dozen families are concentrated on Skrova, whence the whalers in recent years have been forced to travel ever further into the northern reaches of the Barents Sea, 600 miles away, to satisfy even the tiny quotas — 400 this year — set by an increasingly embarrassed government.

Skrova is a very close community in all senses. Reporters asking embarrassing questions are assumed to be tax inspectors at best and Greenpeace operatives at worst. They are not popular, and they do not stay for long. Only the young people are willing to talk at any length to outsiders, and they confirm the few government statistics that are available: that every family on Skrova derives at least 50 per cent of its annual income from whaling.

They will tell you that the women and children work in the factories from the age of five, and that a girl in her early teens can expect to earn £1,000 in a season, her mother three times as much. Skrova is a small part of a small society that as recently as 100 years ago was still losing 500 fishermen annually at sea. Such people are not the kind to give up their livelihood without a struggle; nor would the Norwegian nation, committed to keeping its more remote and isolated communities alive, have it any other way. Some very hard — and expensive — decisions are to be made about Skrova.

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## Pitchforked into battle

The departure of *Country Life's* editor highlights tough competition in the marketing of rural dreams

In the breakfast room of a listed 13th-century manor house "with views to the sea" a tweed-clad figure sits with an ashtray, smoking a pipe, with Gentleman's Relish to the sound of singing labradors.

The vision is one which is entrancing the publishing industry. For the odds are that somewhere in this idyllic rural tableau there will be an idyllic rural magazine. In the past few years there has been a minor boom in country glossies, bought not just by country people, but by the mobile urban masses who dream that one day, perhaps, they will be country people.

Apart from the arrival of new titles like *Country Living* and *Country Homes*, the circulation of some of the old faithfuls has been stirring upwards. *The Field* (owned by Associated Newspapers), which tends towards a sport, mud-splattered image, has seen a 70 per cent sales increase in two years. In actual figures that only means a lift from 11,500 to 19,500, but it's impressive. Over at IPC's *Country Life*, the standard fixture in doctors' waiting rooms, there is an even greater success story. It claims a readership of nearly three-quarters of a million on sales which have risen steadily to 48,000. Profits last year were believed to be around £2.5 million.

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Reign over: Marcus Binney gives up *Country Life*, which is in a strong field with *The Field*

more than 50,000 for *Country Life*. I am sick and tired of people coming to me and complaining that they can't buy the magazine." The reason for IPC's view is that, with upwards of 100 pages of advertisements for desirable country residences it was costing more to print each glossy issue of *Country Life* than could be recouped in the cover price of £1.10. The managerial view was that it was better to bump up the profitable advertising and hold back the expensive business of actually printing magazines.

This is never likely to be a view that will find much favour with an editor. So Marcus Binney, who has a background in historic buildings and first began with *Country Life* 18 years ago as an architectural writer, is off to start his own "country-orientated" magazine. He says it will not be a rival to *Country Life* but that "it would make a perfect stable-mate". "I can't really understand their attitude", he says. "In IPC it is the women's magazines that are in decline. All the potential is with the country publications. It's part of a national long-term trend. Look at the 1.2 million membership of the National Trust, which has been growing steadily. Look at the half a million membership of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, up from only 300,000 three years ago." Simon Courtauld, who arrived to edit *The Field* from the urban literary environ-

ment of *The Spectator* finds that his magazine, which was formerly confined to the coffee tables of senior citizens, has been attracting younger readers of late. "We have always been a genuine country magazine, with more of a widespread readership than *Country Life's* mainly southern suburban following. Our growth has rested on the rising national interest for conservation issues."

Occasionally he finds that he has to point out that shooting things or hunting them can help conserve wild-

life rather than destroy it. This is an argument some of his "green" readers find hard to accept. "But anyone who really knows the countryside understands it", he says. One of his issues carried a picture of Prince Charles standing amid a field of daisies and fritillaries that he had cultivated in his own Gloucestershire garden. Royalty in a field of wild flowers could be the winning formula for the new rural journalism.

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GADAFI WAITS AGAIN

The shadows of American warships are gathering once more in the Gulf of Sirte. The bulky figure of Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, is approaching London. Echoes of intelligence suggest that Colonel Gaddafi is back in the business of terrorism. The scene is set for a repeat of the April 15 raids on Libya, and once again, the Europeans waver.

raid on Libya, then that would be unfortunate, but necessary. The April 15 raids also had a cost, however. They had a cost in civilian lives which was unplanned and regrettable. The extent of the casualties lowered just a little the high moral ground from which the raids were mounted.

mind by US leaders as they consider whether Libya requires further dissuasion. If they conclude that it does, then there are ways in which the political costs can be minimized. The appearance of indecision that preceded the April raid should not recur. Any action should be precise in planning and execution.

BANKING ON THE LAND

Complaints by farmers that they face penalty, even bankruptcy, are likely to be met by the rest of the country with more scepticism than sympathy. Under the EEC common agricultural policy substantial sectors of the industry - though not by any means all of it - enjoy a degree of subsidy and price support for which it is hard to think of any equivalent.

prices that began in the 1970s was a direct result of the euphoria within the farming community that followed Britain's entry into the EEC. The rapid rise in farm incomes between 1973 and 1979 encouraged belief in an almost unlimited prosperity. All farmers had to do was to produce more and more and the gentlemen in Brussels would be happy to pay them more and more for doing so.

even the banks themselves are now in trouble. In Britain in the past two or three years there has been not so much a crash in farmland values as a steady decline, on average by about a third but in some areas rather steeper. In some cases, such as Mr Powell's, the banks have decided to foreclose, belatedly concerned that neither earnings nor collateral now match the outstanding loans.

GOVERNMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

The mid-1980s have turned into a time of industrial peace. Judgement must be suspended on exactly how much the relative lack of strikes is a result of high unemployment and how much the result of the new legal environment; the public, meanwhile, (who include numbers of the unemployed and of union members) register a sense that the balance of power in employment is about right.

scheme designed better to incorporate the unions in national life. It is best considered simply as an academic statement of policy and philosophy - aimed at convincing the SDP itself of its worth. As a policy statement it is a compendium, an effort to construct an Anglo-Saxon version of the labour codes of Continental Europe in which the fine detail of procedure is laid down in law.

spelled out. The SDP wavers between its socialist inheritance in believing that membership of trade unions alone confers on employees the capacity to resist oppression at work, and its Liberal faith that unions will, eventually, wither away, their role rendered unnecessary by the involvement of employees in the profits of their firms and their day-to-day concerns taken up in new (government-ordered) works councils.

Rise in doctors' insurance cost

From Professor David C Taylor and Dr Ian M. Goodyer Sir, Next year our professional insurance cost rises by 70 per cent to £576 to meet the cost of punitive damages being awarded in the courts. On fixed university salaries but with liability for patient care we cannot alter our earnings to recoup this cost, which will be a further loss of earnings.

From Mr H. Caplan Sir, It is not surprising that the Law Society should agree to discuss the British Medical Association's proposals for the State to pay compensation for victims of medical accidents on a "no-fault" basis (report, August 20). Lawyers would expect to be next in line for this bonanza. At a stroke two professions would eliminate the burdensome cost of negligence insurance.

Losing a battle against weeds?

From Mr. H. E. T. St John Sir, Mr Bruce Jones's letter (August 18) very rightly points out the responsibility that falls on landowners, farmers and local authorities for the control of various noxious weeds growing on their land. On behalf of a number of clients for whom our firm acts, I have on a number of occasions complained to the Department of Transport about the state of weed infestation on motorway verges in particular, since they are the authority responsible for motorways. The Department of Transport, being part of the Government, and thus a Crown body, say they are not bound technically by the duty imposed under the Weeds Act 1959.

I believe there are reputed to be somewhere in the region of 20,000 acres of motorway and major road verges around the country. Even if 1 per cent of this area was infested with thistles, the prospect of the seeds from 200 acres of thistles spreading on to adjoining land is a daunting one!

From Mrs C. M. R. Ashley Sir, With the "yellow peril" wait for a day when the soil is neither sticky nor hard. These five tugs, north, east, south and west and straight up she comes!

Clergy's future From the Reverend David Ashton Sir, There can be no doubt that your correspondent, Mr Derek Wilson (August 19) will have raised more than a few clergy hackles. I speak as one of the younger clergy whom Mr Wilson sees on the road to defeat and soon to become a demoralized incompetent member of the sub-standard parish clergy.

Perhaps his insights into the problems of the Church are valid but I venture to suggest that the Church - and herein I include the whole body of Christ, lay and ordained - gets the clergy it prays for. If the clergy are demoralized and lacking enthusiasm, if their spiritual life is at a low ebb, then perhaps it is because they are weary of always being on the front line, with little support but much advice.

The strength of the Church lies in prayerful and mutual charitable support. It is high time we all got off our soap-boxes and down on our knees. Yours sincerely, DAVID ASHTON, St Luke's House, 10 Oakfield Road, Farnborough Heath, Basingstoke, Hampshire, August 19.

From the Reverend Stephen Trotter Sir, The section of opinion in the Church represented by your correspondent, Derek Wilson, would very much like to see the abolition of the parson's freehold; for if they are unable to gain control of the Church by synodical manoeuvres, held in check by the House of Clergy, what better than to be able to threaten their livelihood as individuals, and even dictate what they must believe about the doctrine of priesthood?

Royal mix-up From Professor George Brockie Sir, When Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon became Duchess of York, there was a national competition for a new cocktail. The competition was won by the chief cocktail barman of the Caledonian Hotel, Union Terrace, Aberdeen, who, as a tribute to the former Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, called it "The Smiling Duchess".

NHS treatment

From Dr J. D. Manson Sir, Is it not a sad irony that there can be official satisfaction in demonstrating record levels of hospital treatment in 1985 (report, August 15)?

Legal divisions From Mr Derek Wheatley, QC Sir, It saddens me, from a personal point of view, to see the constant criticism of one branch of the legal profession by the other, of which the latest example is Sir David Napley's article (August 20).

Joys of Yiddish From Mr Sidney Sugarman Sir, Miles Kingdon is miles out in his interesting and amusing dissertation on the joys of Yiddish (August 20) when he attributes the "creation" of the language to the 19th century. In fact Yiddish has been a lingua franca for Jews since the 10th century and there are in existence Yiddish marginal glosses in 12th-century manuscripts, while Cambridge possesses a Cairo Geniza Yiddish manuscript dated 1382 and Cologne a medical treatise dated 1396.

Teaching design From Dr G. B. R. Feilden, FEng, FRS Sir, The letters you published on July 21 from the Chairman of The Design Council and others, and on July 29 from Dr J. J. Shenkan, raised important questions on the meaning of the overworked word "design". The Chairman of the Design Council said: "We believe that one of the most effective ways of countering this (industrial) decline is by expanding the influence of "design" as a method of approach in many areas of the curriculum at all levels of education..."

In war and peace From Mr T. R. Burch Sir, It seems a shame to shatter Mr Levin's illustrious and the ancient Olympic Games (August 21), particularly as his logic is impeccable, but the fact is that if you weren't Hellenic you could not compete at all. So much for universal peace.

From Mr T. R. Burch Sir, It seems a shame to shatter Mr Levin's illustrious and the ancient Olympic Games (August 21), particularly as his logic is impeccable, but the fact is that if you weren't Hellenic you could not compete at all. So much for universal peace.

Death sentence for attempted murder

Viewing punishment merely as an issue for the prevention of crime, it would probably be expedient and certainly legitimate to treat aggravated attempts to murder with the same severity as if murder had actually been effected, while in point of moral atrocity the acts for which people perish on the scaffold often fall short of those for which a short term of imprisonment is awarded. For instance, a man of mild and humane disposition may in a paroxysm of drunkenness seize a deadly weapon and inflict a wound, which acting on a weak constitution may cause death some months afterwards. Here the assailant is guilty of murder in the eye of the law; intoxication is no excuse; the use of a deadly weapon is a legal presumption of malice and the circumstances that death is not immediate does not alter the nature of the offence. The case we have put is not imaginary; it occurred at Winchester hardly a year ago, and the prisoner was left for execution without hope of mercy, though we believe the sentence was afterwards commuted.

Let us now compare with the foregoing case another, equally real, in which death did not result from the violence employed, and yet in which anything but a capital punishment would have been a mockery of justice. We allude to the crime of MARTIN DOYLE, who was tried at Chester before Mr. Justice CROMPTON during the Summer Assizes of the present year. This man had habituated for about a twelvemonth with a married woman named JANE BRODIE. They were both "on the tramp", and lay down to rest in a hollow close to the turnpike road. The prisoner drew the woman's head on to his lap, and she slept utterly unconscious of the fate preparing for her. As last the prisoner got up, selected three stones of murderous size and sharpness, with which he proceeded to batter the poor creature's head... His least brutal answer to her entreaties was "JANE, say no more, I intend to have your life; I came for it, and I will have it." He repeated the same statement to the policeman, and entered with minute and disgusting bravado into the story of his own diabolical cruelty, confirming the evidence of his victim in every particular. On the trial, when her appearance was so atrocious that the jury had to be questioned and insulted till she fainted frequently, and at last had to be carried away, and made a defence to the jury which was enough in itself to prove the incurable madness of his heart. Yet this monster, whose pitiless savagery can hardly be paralleled, and whose intent to murder was avowed, might very well have got off with a totally inadequate punishment. The jury were less conscientious than the judge was firm than was happily the case. As it was, a verdict of Guilty was returned on the first and main count, and Mr. Justice CROMPTON had the moral courage to pass sentence of death upon him. This sentence, so rarely executed where life has not actually been sacrificed, was carried into effect yesterday, in the presence of a vast crowd, and we are sure we could feel which deserves the expression of public gratitude.

We should have spared our readers the painful details of this dreadful act, but that they show, as no general arguments can, how far a blood-thirsty ferocity may be carried, and yet accidentally fail of its object. The principle at stake is of far wider importation than we are tempted to think. The crime of MARTIN DOYLE may be almost isolated in its barbarity, but it belongs to a type which is but too familiar. Domestic outrages, only distinguishable from murder in the fact that they are not instantly fatal, are constantly coming before magistrates, and we are entitled to feel any certainty that the instances in which no prosecutor is forthcoming do not outnumber those which come under the notice of the public... Uneducated persons borrow their estimate of guilt very much from the degree of punishment exacted by the law. Many a ruffian who has been in the habit of treating his wife or child with more than a brutal cruelty would be arrested by the thought that he might have to pay forfeit for it with his life. Nothing but occasional exemplary severity can check a crime the temptations to which are ever present, while the chance of escaping detection is peculiarly great. What is of common occurrence soon comes to be thought almost venial, and there are some natures in whom the tendency to maltreat all who are dependent on them can only be crushed by an overwhelming fear.

From the Reverend Stephen Trotter Sir, The section of opinion in the Church represented by your correspondent, Derek Wilson, would very much like to see the abolition of the parson's freehold; for if they are unable to gain control of the Church by synodical manoeuvres, held in check by the House of Clergy, what better than to be able to threaten their livelihood as individuals, and even dictate what they must believe about the doctrine of priesthood?

Those who are continually proposing "progressive" measures, and vilifying the clergy when they cannot have their own way, should not be surprised that the clergy resent a movement away from the parish system, replacing the personal pastoral care of the priest for his parish by a variety of committees and agencies.

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THE ARTS

Edinburgh International Film Festival

Britain bursts asunder with local exuberance

The final week of the fortieth Edinburgh International Film Festival proved that there is no such thing as a British cinema...

Brigade, despairs of her children's middle-class aspirations, and finds more in common with her punk-generation granddaughter...

smuggling and American cultural take-over. More austere, Alan Gilksman's Eh Eve realises a Samuel Beckett screenplay...

From the west, Karl Francis's Welsh-language Boy Soldier is the story of an unemployed teenager who joins the Welsh Guards...

The Scots were a major force. Shoot for the Sun from a script by Peter McDougall is the impressive first feature of Ian Knox...

With the tough times much closer in memory, the Scots retain an authentic heroic sense of the fight for workers' rights...

The same old heroic spirit is captured more succinctly and subtly in Passing Glory, a 40-minute story by a new National Film School graduate...

The premise of Charles Gormley's Heavenly Pursuits, a more commercially bent comedy, with Tom Conti and Helen Mirren leading the cast...

Kieran Hickey's Short Story is a self-portrait of the Irish cinema between 1945 and 1958. The irony is that, as far as the history books are concerned, there was no Irish cinema in these years...

Alongside these vital and aggressive pictures, new English films will. Mike Newell's The Good Father falls far short of the promise of Dancer With a Stranger...

Smart Money was scripted by Matthew Jacobs. Like Rose a recent National Film School graduate, who appeared as director of a spurt, Vardo, a political well-crafted fable about the brief friendship of a



Exploring the erratic workings of the criminal mentality: Jimmy Nail (left) and Brian Cox heading a fine ensemble in Shoot for the Sun

bourgeois child and a girl from a traveller site, it recalls the Goldcrest era, when every second film was filtered through the sensibilities of early-teenage schoolgirls...

demonstrated again the total resurrection of a film, given proper presentation and a bright new print. A contemporary trade reviewer called it "the filthiest, vilest, most putrid picture in the history of the motion picture business"...

David Robinson

Television Toothless satire

"Irreverent" is a buzz-word much beloved of publicists, occupying as it does the cosy slot just this side of "out-rageous"...

vision instead of an attack - satire with its dentures safely out. The most awful moment of Let's Face It (Channel 4) came when Christine Piff - the admirable face-cancer victim who runs the self-help organization of the title - showed a fellow sufferer the contents of her handbag...

Martin Cropper

John Percival previews tonight's BBC 1 Omnibus special on the Bolshoi Ballet

A quarter of a million people, it is claimed, will have seen the Bolshoi Ballet on stage in Britain and Ireland this summer. I reckon about half that figure is more likely, but luckily the BBC this week is making the company accessible to anybody...

work, their ambitions and their doubts. The chief emphasis is on the constant expansion of physical prowess, especially in male dancers, which Boris Akimov, a leading dancer and teacher, compares with developments in sport...

The cameras were allowed anywhere, to film whom they liked, doing or saying what they liked, and the amazingly rich archives were opened up. The result not only shows the company at work on stage and off, but sets it uniquely in perspective...



Galina Ulanova, gloriously unequalled in Giselle

Meanwhile, the Bolshoi have opened their season in Battersea Park

It was cruel weather on Tuesday for the opening of the Bolshoi Ballet's week in the new marquee in Battersea Park. The structure is vast, seating 3,650 people on one long wide, ramped terrace...

well, and Yuri Posokhov proved a nice soft mover, although not as fluent as one might expect, and he showed some effort when lifting Natalya Bessmertnova in the duet...

Acoustically, I am afraid, it is still a disaster area. Apart from the noisy interruptions of aircraft and, when there is a wind, constant rustling and flapping of the walls, the material deadens the music, which you hear anyway mostly from loudspeakers...

The last third of the evening is a selection of short dances or extracts from longer ballets, designed to show a wide range of soloists. The most intriguing piece was the last, a long duet from Petipa's The Tale of the Tale...

J.P.

Promenade Concert EBS/Gardiner Albert Hall/Radio 3

There are now two available approaches which a performance of Mozart's Requiem can adopt. Either Süssmayr can be regarded as a heretic for meddling so ineptly with the composer's final opus magnum...

I am not so sure that in the age of Mozart the unceremonious rapidity with which Gardiner conducted the work would have been approved of. He took fully 20 minutes less than Karl Böhm (admittedly, an extreme example) used to. And, although one could admire the technical expertise of the superb Monteverdi Choir as they raced through the "Kyrie" and the scintillating notes of "Quiesce, adeste, est futuris" in the "Dies Irae" really did shake violently, overall the result was conspicuously lacking in depth...

Thus the "Rex Tremendae" did not depict an awesome terror, quite as it should have, while the cross-accented "Domine Jesu" would surely have been more incisive and pace, although admittedly that chosen for the "Hostias" catered nicely for both its smooth vocal lines and its instrumental detail...

Gardiner's team of soloists, however, seemed just about ideal, strongish in volume although never forcing their tone. Consequently they blended well in ensemble, although at the same time these were undoubtedly voices of real character. Barbara Bonney (soprano) and Anne Sofie von Otter (mezzo-soprano) made for a pleasing contrast, the one penetratingly pure, the other rich and fruity...

Fringe theatre A genuine stunner

The "visually stunning" show is a commonplace on the Edinburgh fringe. If we are to believe publicity handbills and programmes, Edinburgh offers so many opportunities to become visually stunned that Princes Street is in danger of being filled with hazardously myopic pedestrians...

A completely contrasting stage adaptation of literature is Rohan McCullough's one-woman show developed from Vera Brittain's Testament of Youth (Gilded Balloon Theatre). In a slightly mannered but painfully precise performance Miss McCullough develops from an engagingly and naively self-confident young girl to a sadder, wiser woman, reminding us just how brief was the youth that Britain described...

Arthur Miller's Playing for Time (Netherbow Art Centre), receiving its British premiere here, focuses on the Second World War, dealing with the monstrosity of the Holocaust on one Jewish woman in particular, Fania Felon, the singer who was drafted into an orchestra in one of the concentration camps...

Based on Felon's book about her experiences, Miller's play moves with masterful clarity, economy and compassion through her story. As one of the orchestra she was saved from death, but existed in a situation of endless compromise, and Miller's play gets across the escalating horror of the place through tiny details. Concentrating on the relationship between Fania and her friend Lotty and their methods of survival, he questions how people can stay humane in the most inhumane circumstances, while in parallel, through the Nazis he portrays, exploring how easy it may be to become inhumane and remain human...

Sarah Hemming

Le Saperleau Lyceum

As often pointed out, farce has had an uphill task in surviving the collapse of moral taboos. Still, English writers keep plugging away at it, and it has taken Gilles Bourdet of the Théâtre de la Salamandre to write a farce about the impossibility of writing a farce...

Le Saperleau is a high-energy, 90-minute piece on the ever-interesting topic of how to conduct simultaneous affairs with two girls. One has nice long legs in white stockings. The other has superb mammary equipment. Le Saperleau is unable to make up his mind and, in Guy Perrot's distracted performance, he is often seen, arms crossed, with his fingers pointing in opposite directions. As you would expect, the show advances through episodes of dalliance, suspicion and jealous confrontation towards eternal farewell and bodies on the floor, and winds up, rather less predictably, with a curtain-call where the company machine-guns each other into the wings...

Despite these trusty narrative ingredients, there is no conventional sense, and then spirals off into gibberish. Theatricality, the point of this device is evidently to introduce a verbal bananaskin into the erotic equation. Who knows? Le Saperleau might have got it together with one of the girls, if he and they were not continuously disappearing up their own syntax. If that is the theory, it fails to work out in the author's production. The cast may be speaking gibberish, but they deliver it with the voluble confidence of being perfectly understood; and, when they break down or come to blows, it is for the good old reasons of farcical mechanics...

Irving Wardle

Festival theatre

plot. Instead, Bourdet mounts a series of dislocated vaudeville turns on each phase of the affaire, and the end of each one could be the end of the show. His characters have no history or off-stage existence. They are cyphers in farcical mathematics, appearing on a set (by Bourdet and Joel Pite) which is simply a machine for exerts and entrances. Consisting of an upstage plate-glass corridor, like an empty shop window, flanked by mirrored doors (which slam like pistol shots), it is farce's answer to Peter Brook's empty space: a challenge to make something out of nothing...

The final element, which also involves the fourth character of a narrator, is the play's language. Bourdet contributes a whimsical programme-note of his experiences of fractured French; and he has composed his dialogue in "Saper-language" which may or may not owe its contortions to his memories of Breton dialect, docklands, and the speeches of de Gaulle. I understood about 50 words of it, but I have an idea of how it works. "Souffrir d'amourance, est désagréable", the narrator says. Something starts by promising to make

Marlowe

King's Head

It is awfully late to be mounting a rock musical like Marlowe, as if Jack Good's Catch My Soul had never left the ground. However, and Jesus Christ Superstar was still a hot ticket at the Palace. This new show, staged in the rough-timbered arena of the King's Head, to a book by Leo Rost and music by Jimmy Horowitz, stars the mid-Seventies rocker Steve Harley as Kit Marlowe, the mercurial, fire-brand dramatist whose atheistic rhetoric was the talk of late Elizabethan London. In this light, anachronistic, comic-book version of his life, history and turned him into a contemporary guru, always depended on the eager goodwill of its audience. In the days of Godspell and Jesus Christ Superstar rock had currency as the language of idealism, and its pacifist heroes could use the theatre as a cockpit for hippy communion...

Andrew Rissik

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA From 1 September 86 The Cast: CHRISTINE EDMONDS, DEBORAH FINDLAY, GILLIAN HANNA, SERENA HARRAGIN, PATRICIA HAYES, JOAN HEAL, GLENDA JACKSON, JULIE LEGRAND, JOAN PLOWRIGHT, AMANDA ROOT, CHLOE SALAMAN, ROSEMARY SMITH Director: NURIA ESFERT Translator: Robert David MacDonald Designers: Ezio Frigerio, Franca Squarciapino Lyric Theatre Box Office King St, Hammersmith W8 01-741 2311

Stephen Pettitt

Country music

penned, the extent to which Yoakam's style harks back to that of the original country greats may be gauged by the inclusion of songs by artists such as George Jones, Johnny Cash and Bill Monroe. Yet here he was, a huge setson on his head, an acoustic guitar round his neck, playing to a packed rock audience. The riddle was partly solved by observing his attitude, which was a studied exercise in rock and roll cool. He has the delectable young look of a James Dean, and speaks with the incomprehensible diction of a Marlon Brando, while his habit of turning a la Rod Stewart, and wiggling his tightly-jeaned bottom for the audience's delectation during the instrumental sections, was not the kind of mannerism associated with the traditional style of Grand Old Opry presentation. His band, comprising bass, drums, guitar and fiddle, played with authentic élan, and J.D. Foster on bass contributed languid harmony vocals without seeming to move his lips. But, seeing them play this hard-core country music with such earnest application, I could not help thinking of the comic excesses of Hank Wangford. "It Won't Hurt" and "Heartaches by the Number" were so laden with extremes of pathos and sincerity that few changes, if any, would have been required for either piece to gain swift admission to the lampooning Wangford's "Hall of Pain" Yoakam may be the best "real country" revivalist around, but he needs to be taken with a pinch of salt as a budding star in the rather more cynical rock market-place. David Sinclair

Dwight Yoakam Dingwalls

"They didn't think much of this in Nashville", Dwight Yoakam announced in his thick cowboy drawl before playing his current UK single "Honky Tonk Man". The song was a pure country paean to the "good old boy" pursuits of drinking and womanizing, sung with lazy nasal fervour, like the rest of the set, it underlined the irony of Yoakam's career that of a young man from Appalachia, Kentucky, singing fundamentalist country songs, rejected by the modern Nashville establishment and finally gathering an audience on the roots rock-club circuit of Los Angeles. Although most of the crisp twanging numbers were self-

# Labour policy bid to win 'green' vote

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A new ministry of environmental protection, with responsibilities ranging from pollution control to the administration of agricultural subsidies and wildlife conservation, is proposed by the Labour Party in a policy statement issued yesterday.

The document, described by Dr John Cunningham, Labour environment spokesman, as the most substantial and radical agenda from any of the main parties, is an attempt to woo the so-called "green" vote before the next general election.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England said yesterday that it was "perhaps the most important signal yet that the environment has arrived as a central political concern in Britain."

But it will be viewed with dismay by farmers, landowners and field sports enthusiasts, since it envisages rates on farm land and a ban on hunting with hounds and on hare coursing, although not on shooting or fishing.

Dr Cunningham said: "We need a fundamental change of emphasis on environmental policies in Britain. We have massive problems domestically: the inner cities, the public problems of derelict land, waste disposal, and the pollution of river basins and coasts."

He said that Britain also had "an appalling reputation"

# Cheap chic from Oxfam — £130 the lot



Oxfam collection: from left, a black, red and gold cocktail dress; purple taffeta cocktail dress; black wrapover dress and antique silver bag; red polyester coat over black and white striped dress with black hat; trouser suit with polyester blouse and bowler; blue polyester dress. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Dressing at Oxfam could be highly fashionable this autumn. The charity, whose 800 shops put it among the country's top 10 retailers judged by its outlets, held its first national fashion show yesterday in London (Robin Young writes).

The show was done with carefully selected second-hand clothes from the shops' stocks of cast-offs and misfits. They were chosen to show six colours which trade sources have advised Oxfam will be in vogue this autumn — black, purple, red, royal blue, fuchsia and mustard.

Many of the outfits displayed cost less than £12 complete. For example red cotton trousers at £6, worn

with a wool and angora sweater, £3.50 and black hat at £2.

A cocktail dress could be as little as £12, a pure wool coat £16, a pair of trousers fairly fresh from Marks & Spencer £5, and a leather handbag for £2.25. The jewellery and accessories also came from Oxfam.

A few of the items were period pieces — a 1940s black wool coat with padded sleeves and silk lining sporting a label from The White House, New Bond Street, was priced at £18. The six outfits in our picture, with accessories, cost a total of £130.65.

Oxfam shops are the charity's biggest single source of income, netting £15 million last year. Second-hand clothing is the most important element and Mr Jack Owen, the charity's retail adviser, decided that the 25,000 volunteers who regularly staff the shops should be given some guidance about which clothes to promote.

The clothes were displayed at the Kensington Rainbow by models from the Annaliza Model Agency in Brighton, the girls giving their services free for the day. Some of them bought goods on show themselves before the rest were returned to the shops for sale to the public.

Mr Frank Judd, Director of Oxfam, said that the event was in marked contrast to the charity's work in the front-line.

# Nimrod matches up to RAF standard

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that GEC can bring Nimrod up to standard.

They are Boeing with its AWACS. Grumman has a plan to install in the Nimrod airframe electronic equipment from the E-3C Hawkeye AEW aircraft which is in service with the American Navy, and Lockheed which is offering the P-3 Orion with the same radar as Grumman uses.

The competition is increasingly being seen as a contest between GEC and the Boeing AWACS. One hurdle which GEC will have to overcome is that of scepticism in the RAF, who feel that the company has too often promised performance improvements which have failed to materialize.

A major difference this time is that the company is already committed to the principle that it is awarded a firm price contract to complete the job, it will have to meet the RAF's standards by an agreed date, or bear the additional cost.

The GEC bid to be allowed to continue with the Nimrod project is understood to envisage three phases. They are a phase which would get three aircraft into service next year with an interim standard of performance; a second phase which would bring performance up to the full standards required by the RAF, and be in service during 1989, and a third phase which would incorporate long term improvements which would apply to any of the competing aircraft.

Mr John Palmer, Marketing Manager for the Airborne Systems Division at GEC Avionics, said that the solutions that had now been identified over a period of about two years, so that when in March the Ministry gave GEC a £50 million six-month contract to demonstrate its solutions, the company knew exactly what it wanted to do.

The changes made include the installation of a new computer, new aerials, a modified transmitter and new equipment to eliminate clutter from the radar displays.

# SDP's law for unions

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document endorses the Government's trade union legislation on secret ballots before strikes, secondary action, picketing and the closed shop, though with some important qualifications.

For instance, it says a ballot must be demanded by at least 10 per cent of a workforce before it becomes a legal requirement.

It also says that people unconnected with a dispute should be allowed to join a picket line to demonstrate support for strikers.

Dr Owen scorned the joint Labour Party/TUC policy

statement on industrial relations, saying that twenty-one of its pages were devoted to new rights for workers, but only one to new responsibilities.

The document has been sent to the TUC, the CBI and individual unions in the hope of establishing a dialogue.

But with TUC leaders now intent on burying past differences to smooth Mr Neil Kinnock's path to Downing Street, starting with a public display of unity at next week's conference in Brighton, the SDP recognizes that it has not chosen the best moment to try to forge a new deal.

# Uneasy calm in Soweto after violent clashes

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was thrown at them. Four policemen were injured.

"The police dispersed groups of rioters in different places with tear-gas, but the rioters disappeared between the houses and regrouped on several occasions. They also threw stones at the police. The police fired at the groups of rioters on different occasions," the bureau said.

Eight people were shot dead in these clashes. In a later incident, according to the

Bureau, the police "found a group of youths backing a private vehicle with a pang (a broad-bladed knife) and jumping on the car. The police fired at the group and four people died."

It has been possible for both the local and foreign press to report the violence in Soweto fairly fully because two emergency regulations, restricting access to "unrest areas" and prohibiting unauthorized reporting of police action, are in suspension, at least temporarily.

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

## Today's events

Doncaster, Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd: Mon to 5, closed Fri (ends Sept 7). Engravings by Roland Topor: The French Institute, 13 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 1 and 2 to 5.30 (ends Sept 12). Paintings by Jane Langley: ceramics by Sutton Taylor: photographs by James Ravillous: Oxford Gallery, 23 High St, Oxford: Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 10). Marjan Horozovi: paintings and drawings; Newcastle Polytechnic Gallery, Library Building, Sandford Lane, Newcastle: Mon to Thurs 10 to 6, Fri and Sat 10 to 4 (ends Sept 5). Sculptures and drawings by Peter Burke: Portico 80s: British Sculpture 1980-1985: Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge St Bath: Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 6). The Danish Show: paintings and sculpture by eight Danish artists; Cartwright Hall, Lister Square, York: Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 28).

## New books — paperback

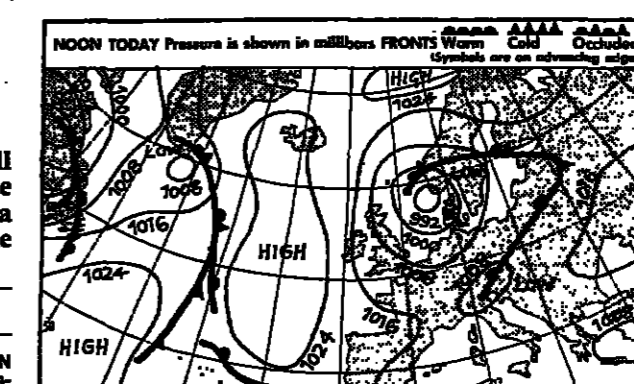
The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: FICTION: The Robertson Trilogy, by Robertson Davies (Penguin, £5.95); The Aerodynamics of Park, by Patrick Gale (Abacus, £3.95); Five Roundabouts to Heaven, by John Bingham (Penguin, £3.50); My Bones and My Plots, by Edgar Mittelholzer (Longman, £2.95); A Window in Mrs K's Place, by Peter Cowan (Penguin, £2.95); The Grand Tour of William Beckford, edited by Elizabeth Mavor (Penguin, £3.95); Denton Welch, The Making of a Writer, by Michael De-la-Noy (Penguin, £3.50); Alexander the Great, by Robin Lane Fox (Penguin, £5.95); The Scamman Report, The Britain Disorders 10-12 April 1981 (Pelican, £2.95); Oil and Alcohol Abuse: Readings and Resources, edited by Caris Marindell Folsted (Oryx, £22.65) NS

## Anniversaries

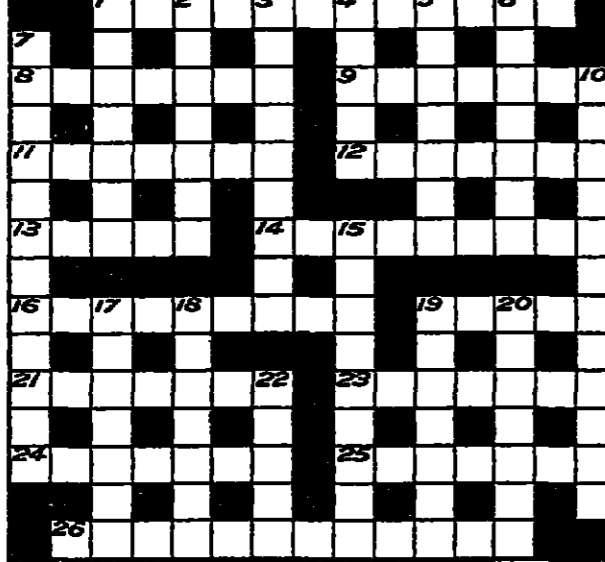
Births: Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Frankfurt am Main, 1749; Edward Burne-Jones, painter, Birmingham, 1833; George Hippo (Annaba), Algeria, 1901; Alan Turing, mathematician, 1912; Alan Watts, philosopher, 1915; Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, 1904-49; Fearn, Ross and Cromarty, 1884.

## Weather forecast

A deep depression will remain slow moving in the North Sea, maintaining a cool NW airflow over the British Isles.



## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,136



ACROSS: 1 Hobby may be seen as part of this pastime (4-8). 2 Second type of coffee (7). 3 Nothing in the garden area could be so dear (7). 4 Old language is hard on the ears (7). 5 Flier coming in to Bognor to land (7). 6 Composer's the final character in record (5). 7 Endured no changes? That's rare (9). 8 Law improvers Parisian and Oscar, say (9). 9 Wary expressions similar, we hear, to an extent (5). 10 Living always with no end of lust? (7). 11 Refusal to speak in gag (7). 12 Printers' measure gets newspaper editor angry (7). 13 Indiscernible, relative to hard centre (7). 14 A creature of habit when it comes to drying (7-5).

## Puffin Readathon

The Puffin Readathon '86, a national sponsored reading week for children, takes place from October 4-11 during National Children's Book Week.

## Outer London guide

A guide for Londoners and visitors who want to explore outer London, compiled and produced by the London Visitor and Convention Bureau, formerly the London Tourist Board.

## Travel information

British Telecom's pre-recorded Traveller service gives regularly updated information on travel in Britain and on the Continent, including details of weather conditions, strikes or other problems likely to affect travellers. Rate: 01-246 8030; Road (including coach services): 01-246 8031; Sea: 01-246 8032.

## Lighting-up time

London 6.27 pm to 5.38 am; Bristol 6.26 pm to 5.48 am; Edinburgh 6.48 pm to 6.41 am; Manchester 6.36 pm to 5.42 am; Penzance 6.46 pm to 6.06 am.

## Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C. 10.1; F. 50.2.

## The pound

Table with exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

## Roads

The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junctions 4 (Bromsgrove) and 5 (Droitwich); M6 Contraflow between junctions 4A (M42) and 3 (A52), Warwickshire.

## Portfolio Gold

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## High Tides

Table listing high tide times for various locations including London, Southampton, and other ports.

## Around Britain

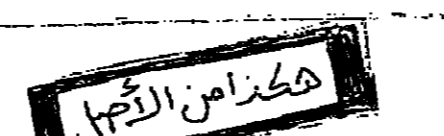
Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Max, Min) for various regions across Britain.

## Northern Ireland

Table showing weather conditions for Northern Ireland.

## Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations.









STOCK MARKET REPORT

Joy gives way to caution on doubts over interest rates

The stock market failed to capitalize on a buoyant Wall Street which celebrated the latest prime rate cuts with a 32 point rise to within a whisker of its all time peak. Apart from a handful of international stocks which responded to strong demand from American investors the initial joyful reaction soon gave way to caution on the continued apparent reluctance of the Japanese and German governments to reduce their interest rates in the near term. The FT 30 share index made a cautious advance closing 3.9 points ahead at 1280.5. But the FT-SE 100 share index was more certain and moved on 13.6 points to finish at 1629.8. A £186 million rights issue to finance a US acquisition by Sedgwick Group and a disappointing 18 per cent profit setback from Blue Circle Industries were additional sobering factors although takeover speculators had a field day with three new situations. Strong option demand from across the Atlantic boosted ICI 30p to 104.2p and Glaxo 27p to 98.2p. Oils also followed Wall Street's lead with Shell 22p higher at 92.3p and BP reporting second quarter figures today up 10p to 66.3p. Dealers are looking for a net figure of between £450 million and £480 million against £457 million last time. Elsewhere in leaders Blue Circle tumbled 18p to 535p on the profits decline but other movements were mixed and rarely exceeded 5p in either direction. Jaguar rebounded 25p to 513p following recent depression caused by disappointing profits and a second half warning. On the bid front May & Hassell jumped 32p to 143p

Slough Estates profits up 23%

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent. Slough Estates, Britain's largest industrial developer, is showing a 23 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to £24.15 million for the half year to June 30, 1986 beating the 16 per cent increase for the same period last year. New accounting policies mean that interest has been capitalized on land held for development boosting pretax profits by £1.1 million. Currency trading profits amounted to £2.2 million. Rentals from UK properties rose to £26.44 million from the £23.82 million reported in last year's interim. Slough describes the first half of this year as showing a "much improved demand for property in the countries in which it operates, allied with real rental growth." Overseas rents dropped slightly to £8.6 million compared with £8.8 million. Sales from trading properties only accounted for £1.54 million this half year compared to £8.5 million in 1985. Earnings per share increased by seven per cent to 6.61p. The interim dividend is 2.5p per share compared with 2.3p last year. Slough has decided its entire portfolio will be externally valued in future.

COMMENT: Giveaway to investors is headache for TSB

Few, if any, City analysts see the Trustee Savings Bank share issue as being anything but a success. The curious circumstances in which the TSB is coming to market have, however, set the bank a formidable management task. Since the TSB and the Treasury still insist that no one else is entitled to the TSB leaving it, on any reasonable measure, with too much money. By the bank's own calculations, the immediate effect of putting all that cash on the money markets will be to cut its overall return on assets from a commendable 24 per cent to about 17 per cent - even without a cut in interest rates. The management's dilemma is well illustrated by its pro forma profit forecasts, assuming it had the proceeds from the beginning of this year. Stripping out the basic pretax forecast of £195 million - which does not include the new capital - the bank believes it would have been making between 8.4 and 8.8 per cent return on its new money this year. That is simply because it has to leave most of the cash on deposit while finding worthwhile things to do with it. The TSB does not really expect its return on assets to regain present levels for at least five years. Meanwhile, shareholders will be asked to sit tight, accept a lower rate of return, and hope that the management knows what it is doing. The pathfinder prospectus none the less suggests an attractive prospect. Lazard promises that the issue price will ensure a dividend yield of at least 5.5 per cent. That would not be generous compared with prospective yields in the banking sector, and a higher actual yield is likely. If the shares sell at eight times earnings, the group would raise £1.5 billion. Since the issue will be generously priced, aiming closer to the Scottish banks which sell at about 7 times prospective earnings, it seems reasonable to expect the issue to gross between £1.25 and £1.5 billion. The TSB is aiming for at least one million shareholders after the initial rush has subsided. That will mean taking on considerably more at the launch - say 1.5 million - to allow for attrition. If only half of those who have registered an interest apply, the TSB will easily meet that target. There will almost certainly have to be a tough allocation policy, involving scaling down priority applications from employees and customers and a ballot for the rest. Anyone eligible for priority is likely to get more shares by applying on both the pink forms and the ordinary white ones.

Share dealings in Meadow Farm Produce, the USM-listed wholesale meat supplier, were suspended at the company's request, pending an announcement, when the market opened yesterday. The market is expecting a bid from Bernard Matthews, the food processing group.

overshadowed by the Sedgwick rights issue. Sedgwick recently the subject of bid rumours from Citicorp dropped 27p to 346p and Willis Faber declined 18p to 409p in sympathy. Composites gave back 5p of Tuesday's rises unsettled by fears of big claims from the victims of the aftermath of Hurricane Charley. Pearl Assurance lost 5p to 147.8p after net profits much as expected. Government stocks reversed early rises of a quarter of so after the Government Broker had exhausted one last Friday's mini tapes. In builders, Marley rose 4p to 122p after a 30 per cent expansion in earnings and a

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues including Hill Ergonom (82p), Hughes Food (20p), and various other company shares with their respective prices and movements.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures for three month sterling, three month dollar, and US treasury bond, with columns for open, high, low, and close.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling spot and forward rates, and other sterling rates including Argentinian, Australian, and various other currencies.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table of traditional options for various stocks including Allied Lyons, BP, and others, with columns for last date, bid, and ask.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table of London traded options for various stocks including Allied Lyons, BP, and others, with columns for bid, call, put, and price.

AE puts City on the spot

Turner & Newall's final bid for AE, which reaches its nominal closing date tomorrow, is in some ways following a well trodden path. City institutions do not like the bid and think it might fail. So AE shares, at 235p, are trading at a discount to T&N's 240p cash alternative, let alone its 258p share and cash package. Marshall Cavendish: Mr C. Greaves has become chairman of Caledonian Associated Properties/Taylor Clark (Scotland). Mr Andrew Woods has joined the boards. Mowlem International: Mr Denis Yell and Mr Wynn Kemrick have been appointed to the board. Alexander Stenhouse: Mr A M Elson, Mr D J Woods, Mr K A Webb and Mr K H Coombes have been made divisional directors, aviation and aerospace division. Steel Bullfinch: Mr J C Wright has become a director. Singsby Engineering: Mr David J. Partridge has been appointed managing director and chairman of Advanced Production Technology. CSR: Mr Alan Coates has become a director. Harrison Ripp Associates: Mr Anthony Barton-Hall has been made design director. Kalamazoo: Mr John Liston becomes a non-executive director.

COMPANY NEWS

ELKEM AS: The company accepted an offer to buy 2,860,540 shares (27 per cent) in Kvaerner Industries from the Bertyon Group for £45 million. IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION: Operating results for the first quarter to June 30. SCOTT PAPER: The company has announced its intention to acquire Bowater-Scott (UK) for £114.23 million. STANLCO: The acquisition of Broad Street Associates was approved on a poll conducted to satisfy the requirements of the Takeover Panel. RYAN INTERNATIONAL: Figures for 1986 for the six months to June 30 (comparative adjusted). PRAXAIR: Results for the six months to June 30. HOLLIS: Shareholders approved resolutions relating to the acquisition of certain companies and businesses from Pergamon Holdings. MERRETT HOLDINGS: Crechbush Syndicate Managers, a wholly owned subsidiary of Merrett Holdings, has bought from A.J. Wilkinson the Warwick Insurance Company for £1,850,000. MY HOLDINGS: Shareholders have agreed to the proposed acquisitions of Sharp Interpack and Cathedral Compounds and to increase authorized share capital. A total of 15,190,031 new MY ordinary shares are being issued.

THE FROST GROUP PLC. INVESTMENT HOLDING CO. UNAUDITED INTERIM STATEMENT HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1986. Table showing financial performance for Year ended, Yr Aged, and Yr Aged.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS table with columns for Currency, Term, and Rate.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD. Routine trading kept optimism over base rates relatively subdued. A cut by the Bundesbank in its discount rate or lombard rate has been more or less ruled out for this week, so lower UK rates are not seen as likely to move for a few weeks yet. Nevertheless, the longer dates continued to get some attention.

Table of Gold prices including Gold 999.9, Gold 999.5, and Gold 999.0 with their respective prices.

Table for LONDON TRADED OPTIONS (continued) showing bid, call, put, and price for various stocks.

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Table of unit trusts with columns: Unit Name, Bid, Offer, Chng, Ytd. Includes sections for 'ALLIED BANKING UNIT TRUSTS', 'BANKING UNIT TRUSTS', 'CHARITABLE UNIT TRUSTS', 'EQUITY UNIT TRUSTS', 'GENERAL INVESTMENT UNIT TRUSTS', 'FIXED INCOME UNIT TRUSTS', 'FOOD UNIT TRUSTS', 'HUMANITARIAN UNIT TRUSTS', 'INTERNATIONAL UNIT TRUSTS', 'MONEY MARKET UNIT TRUSTS', 'RETIEMENT UNIT TRUSTS', 'SCOTTISH UNIT TRUSTS', 'SPECIALIST INVESTMENT UNIT TRUSTS', 'STRUCTURED UNIT TRUSTS', 'TWO INVESTMENT UNIT TRUSTS', 'WORLDWIDE UNIT TRUSTS'.

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John Butcher,  
junior minister  
for industry,  
writes an  
introduction  
to the  
engineering  
exhibition



"It is especially gratifying in Industry Year that an exhibition of this scale and importance, with over 500 participating companies, should have been organized in Britain and situated in the West Midlands, the country's industrial engine room.

The outlook for manufacturing is good. Last year, for example, output in mechanical engineering - the heart of Britain's manufacturing base - jumped by 6 per cent, the biggest increase for more than a decade.

Our manufactured exports have increased by nearly 20 per cent in volume over the past two years to reach their highest ever level.

The Treasury believes that

the volume of manufactured exports will grow by 6 per cent in 1986, more than double its previous forecast made last autumn. This is not just government optimism. Independent surveys tell a similar story and show growing optimism about output, export orders and profitability.

To those who have predicted no future for the traditional sectors of Britain's manufacturing industry and who also seem to be ready to sound its death knell, I would simply suggest that they take the opportunity to come along to this exhibition and see for themselves the positive proof behind these figures and that there is continuing innovation and drive in the backbone of British industry."

# Money and managers the key

## Connecting a quicker big punch



Metalworking is defined as the manipulation, fabrication and assembly of metal. One of the largest areas of improvement lies in pressing and blanking. If tools can be made to tighter tolerances, holes no longer need deburring and the tools will last longer. Probably the most significant advance has been in the computer control of blanking sheets.

A program detailing the position and size of holes needed in a sheet of material can be fed to the computer, either on the shopfloor or by a numerically controlled (NC) input from another computer. The sheet is fed to the machine, either by hand or automatically, after which the machine clamps it and moves into the right position. On completion, the punched sheet is automatically ejected. The speed and accuracy at which these machines work is astounding.

To meet the needs of manufacturers who are moving from semi-automatic to full CNC, Amada is introducing its new Aries 222, which has all the sophistication and capacity but with a simple pictorial shopfloor computer input.

Not only can holes of various shapes be produced but many of these machines can be set to scribe out a contour. The faster the speed, the more

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Innovations, inventions and developments are by nature exponential. Barely 100 years ago engineers were limited to the use of iron, steel, copper, wood and porcelain. Today we can make materials to suit specific needs.

But in spite of our cleverness, the final product is usually a compromise since one specific property is usually attained at the expense of another. The art - rather than the science - of engineering is to develop the right compromise.

With this in mind, the engineering industry should welcome Metals Engineering '86, a combination of specialist exhibitions. The shows and associated conferences have appeared regularly in the past but as separate events at differing intervals of time. It so happens that 1986 is the year in which all the events coincide. And as this is also Industry Year, the organizers decided 1986 should be a year for engineers to remember.

The five main areas within Metals Engineering '86 are metallurgical plant, metalworking, foundry, furnaces and castings and forgings. Two other exhibitions will come under the umbrella of Metals '86. They are Subcon and Metcut, dealing with components, surface finishing and machine tools.

What will be seen at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, are traditional craft-oriented processes that have been brought sharply up to date by new thinking in automation, accurate control of processes and by developments in chemicals and metallurgy.

It has to be conceded that current government thinking underlines what engineers have known all along - the need for a complete rethink on manufacturing and the need for resources to re-equip industry with the best machines available.

In this respect, the financial help made available by the Department of Trade and Industry is a step in the right direction, though it is still hedged by too much red tape and administered by those with little experience of manufacturing. With computers, inno-

vative ideas in machine tools and advanced manufacturing techniques, there is no doubt that British industry can be transformed. There is, however, the problem of finance. Who will put up the money to pay for the new equipment?

In some cases the Government, through various schemes, can provide some cushioning effect at start-up, but for a complete investment programme money needs to

### A series of course modules

be raised from the City or from companies offering venture capital. Here, the key to raising money lies not with the technology or with entrepreneurial spirit but with good management.

David Marlow, general manager of 3i (Investors in Industry), says about one-third of the start-up projects in which his company takes a stake fail because of inadequate management. His message is clear. Coincident with the ideas, markets must be studied and efficient management must provide the key to success. For small firms, an-

other source of money is SEFIS (Small Engineering Firm Investment Scheme) which was set up by the Government with the aid of the Engineering Industries Association (EIA) to help small businesses modernize their production.

Expertise and guidance are also available from the research departments and business schools of many universities and polytechnics. The academics are keen to be associated with industrial projects not least because this is a way of earning fees to counter the financial cuts imposed by the University Grants Committee.

There are two good examples of such relationships, which help industry steer the right course towards greater productivity.

The first is AMTec (Advanced Manufacturing Technology) established by the Machine Tool Industry Research Association (MIRA) with the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), the University of Salford and the Sperry company.

AMTec has compiled a series of modular courses in

advanced manufacturing techniques, providing intensive hands-on training and management awareness seminars. The courses are for managers and engineers who want practical in-depth knowledge of computer-aided design and manufacture, robotics and other related topics.

The second example is the opening by Kingston on Thames Polytechnic of its CIM (Computer Integrated Manufacturing) Centre. This is doubly unique in that it is independent (probably the largest in Europe) and provides a total service covering

management, computing and engineering.

The centre's research programme is underpinned by one of the largest teaching company schemes ever mounted. CIM Centre staff work with companies over long periods of time, passing on their expertise in research and development. They also supply information, training and customized software. CIM is not applicable to every manufacturing company but it does lend itself to a step-by-step implementation in line with the work and money available for investment.

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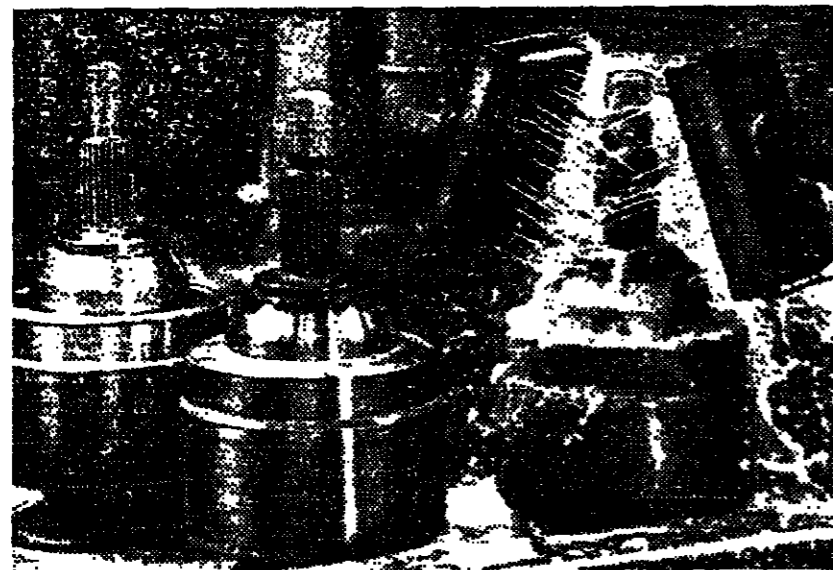
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# Helping the metals industry make more of its energy

Perhaps more than in any other single area of manufacturing, electricity offers the metal processing industries the potential for significant energy savings coupled with many substantial additional benefits.

Electricity is pure, refined energy and is uniquely controllable. It enables you to apply energy precisely where and when you want it and nowhere else. Consequently you use less. A good example is the induction heating of billets where heat is generated within the metal itself. Flue losses are eliminated and there is no degradation of the metal through flame impingement. Temperatures can be accurately controlled and billets are available on demand. Induction melting exploits the same principle.

But induction is just one of the numerous techniques available, many of them exclusive to electricity. The repertoire is growing too, with new technology like transverse flux heating, and surface engineering using vacuum and low pressure techniques. Electroheat offers anyone processing metal the opportunity to manufacture more efficiently, and more profitably... by making more of energy.



Induction hardening of constant velocity joints at Hardy Spicer Limited, Birmingham, is replacing gas carburising, enabling a lower cost material to be used. Components are now hardened within a few seconds on the production line, compared with the previous 36-hour gas batch treatment.

## Energy management - more than fuel cost reduction

It hardly needs stating that large-scale savings in energy costs can be achieved by modernising industrial plant and equipment. This is, of course, of sound economic benefit to the firm concerned and is commendable in national terms, too - but the gains in quality and productivity

possible through improved operating practices are just as important as saving energy.

High technology industries such as aerospace and electronics have already recognised the strong relationship between processing method and product integrity. They cannot

tolerate variability, imprecise control, combustion product effects or surface deterioration.

Nowadays, customers' specifications tend to be significantly tighter; markets are far more competitive than they ever were; there is general concern for the environment and the well-being of the workforce. Electricity can meet these demands by providing better and more consistent processing facilities.

### Reducing the variables

Process capability depends essentially on controllability, and even in the simplest heating operation it is hard to hit a particular target point consistently if combustion mixture settings drift, response time is slow or temperature control is too imprecise.

Electricity can avoid all these problems; it is the essence of programmable control, enabling the user to tailor specifications or to set processing times and temperatures precisely to the needs of the product and the customer without having to compensate for process variability.

The choice of techniques includes heating by resistance element, arc, induction, direct resistance, electron beam, plasma and glow discharge. These techniques are being applied by all sectors of the metals engineering industries making simple and complex shapes - casting metal, reheating prior to working, treating surfaces and finishing products.

With this growth in use it has also become increasingly clear that electric heating offers the most economic way of processing many products. While direct energy cost comparisons alone can be surprisingly favourable, when the production benefits offered by electricity are added to the equation, the case is frequently overwhelming.

Improved product quality, reduced dependence upon manual plant supervision, substantially lowered waste heat, cleaner and better working conditions, operating flexibility, faster turnaround and plant compactness all contribute to higher productivity and better profitability - and these are inherent features of the electric route.

## Service and support

The Electricity Supply Industry is firmly committed to helping industry reap the benefits of electrical processes and techniques, and two very tangible manifestations of this are the services available from the Electricity Council Research Centre at Capenhurst and the advice and help offered by Area Board Industrial Sales Engineers.

### Capenhurst expertise

The brief for the Capenhurst Research Centre is to develop better ways of distributing and utilising electricity.

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Projects cover ferrous and non-ferrous metal melting, metal working and shaping, glow discharge heating, superplasticity, metal forming, hardening and coating processes, laser technology and more. Successful products and processes such as multi-layer coil, transverse flux and the high-powered channel furnace have already been licensed.

Capenhurst aims to ensure that the benefit of all this research is passed on to and exploited by British industry. Preliminary short term surveys can be carried out for companies at no charge, and then followed up with in-depth contract research. Metallurgical and materials analysis services are also provided.

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A vital step for the footprint

The largest of the seven exhibitions is METCUT. Organized by the Machine Tool Trades Association and with the theme of metal-cutting and production-engineering technology, it will feature the latest in computer-controlled machine tools, flexible manufacturing systems and robotics.

A plethora of terms has been generated in the manufacturing industry, such as AMT (advanced manufacturing technology), CIM (computer integrated manufacturing) and more recently the Just in Time concept.

In different ways they are all aiming in the same direction to bring about an efficient manufacturing environment in which the UK can produce quality goods on time at an economic price.

Today all of these functions are interwoven. In metal-cutting, the actual time that the machine is removing metal is a small percentage of the total manufacturing time.

By the use of more powerful motors or duplication of power sources, it is also possible to have simultaneous movement on all five axes, thus speeding up positioning operations.

With the advances in computer control it is now advantageous to carry out all the machining, where possible, with a single loading of the component. This introduces the universal machining centre, many examples of which can be seen at the exhibition.

A further development in this area has been the swing

away from horizontal machining centres to vertical machining centres, which can offer a great versatility in operations as well as providing a smaller "footprint", i.e. the actual floor area on which the machine stands.

One machining centre on show not only has a tool change time of one second but features twin spindles. This doubles productivity as the components are loaded and unloaded from alternate spindles during the machining cycle.

Another development to be seen is the introduction of powered turrets so that additional operations such as milling and drilling at planes normal and oblique to the turning axis can be carried out without removing or repositioning the component being machined.

From the machining centres can be seen the emergence of a machining cell which can be

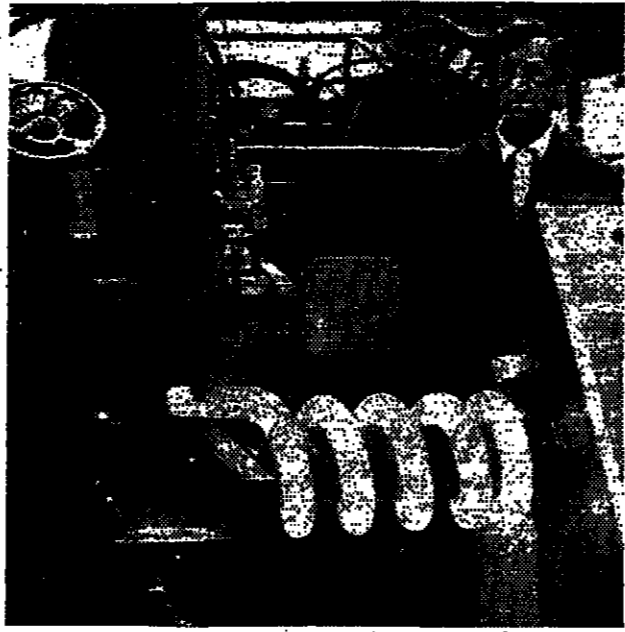
Inspection of the finished part need not be separate

regarded as the first logical step towards FMS (flexible manufacturing system). In this context, a cell can be a single machine that incorporates all the features necessary for extended periods of unattended operation.

Inspection of the finished part need no longer be a separate operation. Many machine tools are fitted with in-process measuring probes which can provide positive advantages in set-up times, in-cycle measurements, tool setting and final part inspection.

The information can be processed to provide full documentary evidence of the components' dimensions and whether successive components are tending to approach the upper or lower limits of permissible tolerance, thus achieving a state of zero defects by warning the operator or automatically adjusting the cutting edge or, alternatively, changing the tool.

Machine tools now cater for duplication of cutting tool edges, so that when one is worn, the other comes into



Modernized hot coiling at West Bromwich Spring

play. This can be done automatically either by measuring the torque, which increases with a blunt cutting edge, or by measuring the heat generated at the cutting edge. Accurate and reliable sensors are available to do this and the information can be fed into the computerized controls.

The crux of metal removal lies largely with the cutting edge. These are available in many forms and show the tremendous improvements that have taken place within the last decade. From steel cutting tools we are now in the field of ceramic and diamond cutting edges and a mixture of both. These allow higher cutting speeds, heavier cuts and longer periods between sharpening or replacing.

Techniques for the transportation, loading and unloading of components or assemblies between various machines or points in a factory provide another important area where unproductive times can be reduced.

In transporting components around a factory, AGVs (automatic guided vehicles) are commonplace. The control of these can be linked to an overall computer control to ensure that they are in the right place at the right time, ensuring that parts arrive or are removed from machining or assembly operations at precisely the right time.

Conveyors, gantries and robot arms are part of the robotic scene where rapid developments are taking place. These include artificial intelligence and robot vision, which enables the robot to



In the workshop: improvements can still be made

Forging ever faster

In metal forging, the operator's prime concern is the effect of heat and work on the material being forged. Uniformity of temperature, scaling effects and decarburization are fundamental to the finished item and to the economics of the process.

An important feature of the process is the loading and unloading of work pieces. Automation in forging is difficult to achieve and there is much room for improvement. About 70 per cent of the tonnage of steel which is heated for closed die forging in the UK is in the form of round or square pieces heated over their whole length to about 1,250°C. This is an ideal requirement for the continuous feed induction heater.

The heating coil is designed to induce a high power density into the incoming cold end of the steel component but reducing to a lower soaking level at the discharge end.

Improvements in die design enable flashless forgings to be produced and forgings with greatly reduced taper thus eliminating subsequent long machining operations.

D.A.T. Powis, director of the British Forging Industry Association, comments: "A further area for cost reduction is the elimination of the post-forging heat treatment process. Steels containing small percentages of micro-alloying element, such as vanadium are available,

which develop acceptable properties with controlled cooling after forging.

In automotive and associated markets, companies have looked more closely at forging designs, to achieve closer tolerances—either in the forging process itself, or in post-forging operations. Symmetrical parts for automotive gearboxes, drive components and trans-

The long trek around the hall will be worthwhile

missions have been identified for precision forging.

Warm forging within the range 600-900°C has extended the scope of cold forging process and has contributed significantly to precision forging technology.

A further area for optimizing yield and reducing processing costs, particularly in the forging of expensive alloys, is the use of cast or powder preforms and further developments of these techniques are likely.

Visitors to Materials Engineering '86 face a long trek around the exhibition halls if they are to see everything of importance. But it will be worthwhile because in manufacturing it is the survival of the fittest. The fittest companies are those that have a dedicated workforce, outstanding management and the right tools.

Connecting a quicker punch

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bites the tool can take in a given time and the smoother is the resulting edge. Corner notching is another feature. All these advances reduce the number of workers needed and speed up production.

Laser cutting is another process which is fast and accurate and produces clean edges in a wide variety of materials, from wood and fabrics to metals and ceramics. The cut material is free from distortion as the laser cut has a narrow heat zone.

Machining by laser is a non-contact process readily adaptable for flexible manufacturing. There is no cutting load on the workpiece and the process is eminently suitable for automatic control.

The importance of metalworking has been recognized by the European Coil Coating Association (ECCA), which has taken for its member companies the largest display in the metalworking area of the National Exhibition Centre.

Steel and aluminium are the most popular substrates and the coatings include plastisols, alkyls, polyesters, PVC, acrylics, silicones and epoxies plus heat-resisting coatings for bakeware and so on. Other products include non-stick coatings and heat-reactivated bonding systems.

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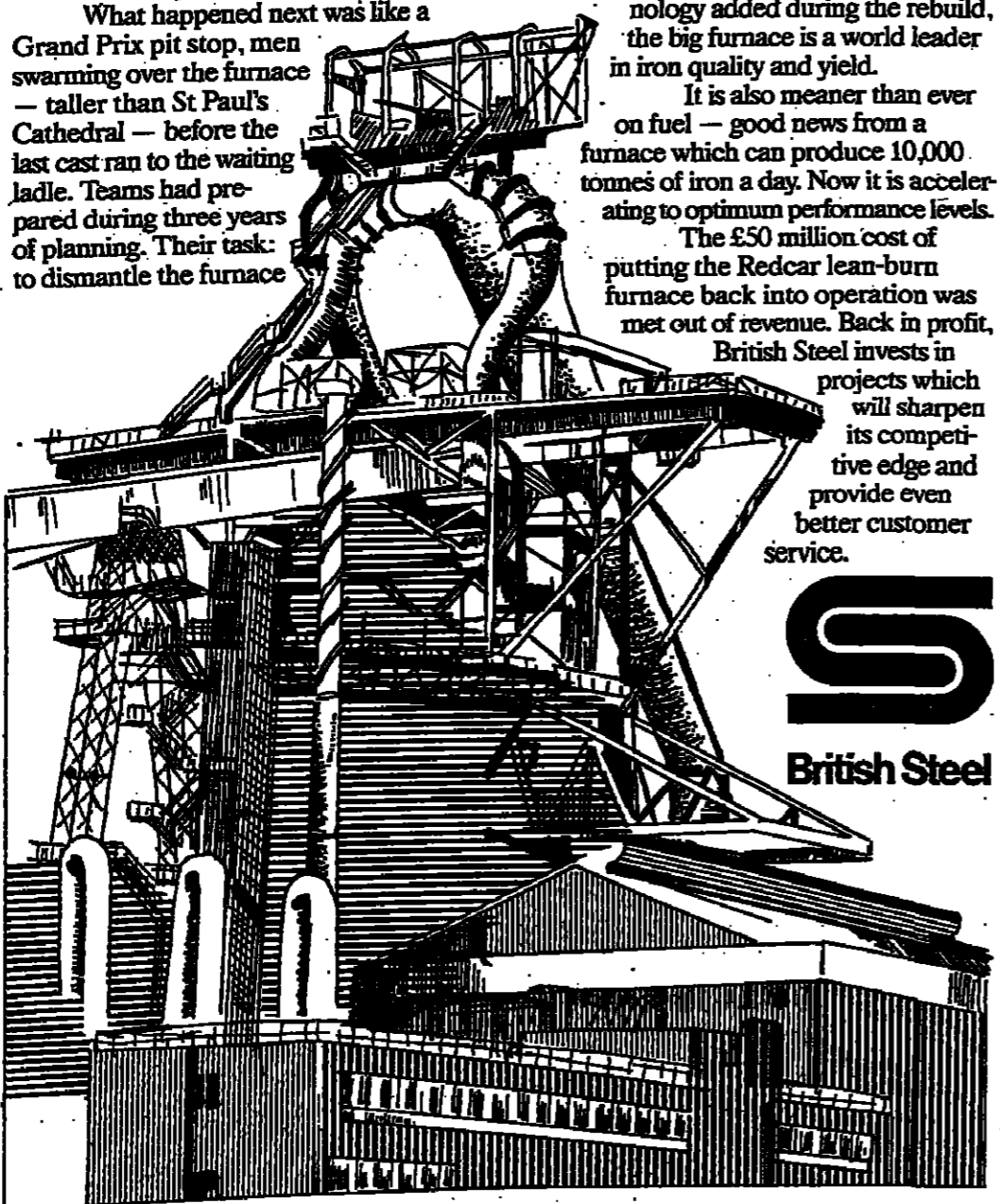
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# Why fuel costs must be cut

There can be few managing directors who remain unaware that this is Energy Efficiency Year as nearly all of them have been bombarded by the Department of Energy to attend a series of road shows and breakfast meetings to learn of energy conservation for businesses.

Manufacturers, and none more than the primary steel suppliers, are constantly under pressure to reduce operating costs. Not unnaturally their first move is to look at the fuel bills and to consider the effect of a change to or from gas, oil, electricity or solid fuel. Such a change could be of no small consequence affecting, as it would, capital equipment and other important considerations such as the environment, health and safety and social conditions.

A key element in reducing energy consumption is the effective management of energy as a resource which involves monitoring the consumption and then targeting on reductions in defined periods of time.

Good housekeeping can offer worthwhile returns but significant benefits are usually the result of the introduction of improved technology such as waste heat recovery and its reuse in some way.

In the metals industry, traditional fuels have been coal and coke for smelting and gas for re-melting. Oil, although perhaps more convenient, has always been expensive and now is generally looked upon as a standby energy source. However in the last decade, electricity has been making considerable headway into primary melting. It is nevertheless important to recognize that fuel choice should not be based on a single specific

operation but should be considered in total across the whole of a company's manufacturing spectrum.

British Gas and the Electricity Council are highly competitive in the industrial area and both go to considerable lengths to ensure safety and reliability of supplies as well as arranging attractive tariffs that, in some cases, will be advantageous if the user has alternative fuel sources.

About 50 per cent of the gas sold in Britain is used in commerce and industry and accounts for about 26 per cent of the energy supplied to British industry. Research and development in industrial heating has been mainly directed: (a) towards ensuring that the gas is burned satisfactorily in properly designed combustion systems; (b) to study industrial heating requirements so that the heat generated can be effectively and efficiently applied; and (c) to develop safe, automatic and reliable control systems.

The heating of metals has traditionally been carried out in batch furnaces where the metal is brought to temperature and subsequently worked. By using, heating equipment tailored to the particular application as an integral part of the production line, heating can be made continuous and automatic.

The use of steam from a central boiler house is often used for the heating of liquids in vats and tanks within a factory complex. Overall efficiency is, however, low because of heat loss in transmission. The British Gas Midlands Research Station has developed a range of small bore immersion tubes which, when used with high intensity gas burners, combine the ef-



Medium frequency induction furnaces have replaced cupola melting at the Crown Foundry in Northampton

iciency of natural draught immersion tubes with the compactness of the steam system. Field trials have shown that fuel savings of up to 50 per cent over conventional systems are possible.

Radiant tubes are used where high temperature indirect heating is required, particularly in controlled atmospheres used for annealing, normalizing, nitriding and carburizing. The Midlands Research Station has developed gas fired radiant tubes consisting of a recuperative burner firing into a metallic or ceramic tube.

With the cost of all forms of energy continuing to rise, the effectiveness of electrical energy use in heat treatment and other forms of industrial heating processes has become an

# Time for robots to move in

The casting of materials is one of the most versatile forming processes there is: its ability to produce complex shapes in a range of sizes and variety of materials is unmatched. Nevertheless, cast components have to compete with components formed in other ways, ones which may be less energy-hungry.

The foundry industry, says John Whitehead of SCRATA (Steel Castings Research and Trade Association), "has traversed a very difficult 10-year period during which recession and import penetration from developing countries have decimated order loads."

"Generation of capital has been extremely difficult and what monies have been available have been invested in quality improvements and cost reduction."

"The most exciting opportunities for the industry in the near future are likely to derive from the adoption of advanced manufacturing techniques where computer-aided design systems can be linked to robots to improve both productivity and quality."

"When allied to advances in casting techniques such as the use of polystyrene patterns, this technology should enable competitively priced castings to be produced at a level of quality which will create new markets for the industry."

An accurately produced casting requires less machining than a less precise casting which may reduce the final cost of the component. To meet the growing demand for more accurate castings, the foundry industry has refined its sand casting processes by introducing high-pressure

squeeze moulding of green sand. And new processes such as the Cosworth process have been introduced to improve accuracy.

More precise castings are generally produced by a recognized precision casting process such as shell moulding, investment casting, and the Shaw process, all of which use a refractory aggregate moulding which has to be broken up.

Investment casting is one of the most important processes available to designers of high quality precision components when using super-tough alloys.

An alternative method of casting is diecasting, which uses metal moulds or dies which can be used repeatedly for the mass production of castings which, in the main, are limited to non-ferrous alloys such as zinc-based materials and aluminium. The diecasting process falls into three types: gravity diecasting, pressure diecasting and low-pressure diecasting.

Pressure diecasting is a more highly engineered process than gravity-fed casting, the essential features being the injection of the molten metal at high speed into the die under high pressure. Low-pressure diecasting relies on air pressure to force the liquid metal into the die cavity. As part of Metals Engineering '86, the Institute of Metals is holding a one-day meeting on Casting To Near Net Shape. Papers presented will discuss the casting of semi-solid alloys to near net shape, squeeze casting, gravity diecasting, sand casting and investment casting as well as the use of expanded polystyrene patterns in casting.

# Heat treatment: the Aston specialists have most answers

Furnace design has undergone a profound design change in the last decade arising from the demand for more fuel-efficient designs, greater control of operating conditions and to some extent, to meet the demands imposed by environmental requirements.

As a result of the development of low thermal mass lightweight refractories and control by computers and microprocessors, the economics of furnace operation have been greatly improved.

The accent today is not so much on the choice of fuel but what fuel

will give the ultimate required results from the furnace. Other innovations include the use of recuperative burners for oil and gas firing, the use of solid state components in the upgrading of materials for electrical resistance elements.

In a number of component fabrications, the use of vacuum chambers are necessary and these preclude the use of combustion firing. Laser and plasma techniques are therefore increasingly employed for cutting, surface hardening and welding in vacuum conditions.

Improvements to be seen in vacuum chamber technology are faster pumpdown times, easier throughput of component parts and greater control and manoeuvrability of the contained components.

Heat treatment of metals covers a wide variety of interpretations and practices and is one of the necessary processes which often have to be incorporated in a production sequence.

It is within this environment that the Wolfson Heat Treatment Centre was set up about 12 years ago at Aston University, Birmingham. The

centre set out to improve the dissemination of technical knowledge and to make positive moves towards the sharing of developing technologies in heat treatment. One of the primary aims has been to further the overall appreciation of the scientific principles and technological aspects of heat treatment.

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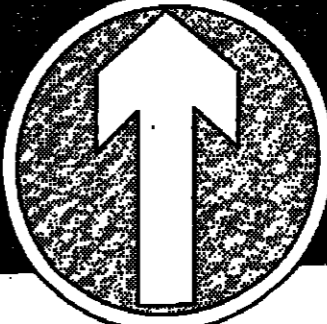
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GOLF

Record comes within sight as Ballesteros marches on

From Mitchell Platts, Düsseldorf

Severiano Ballesteros resumes his assault on the European circuit in the Luthfahsa German Open which starts on the Hubbellraath Course here today. Ballesteros has won each of his last five tournaments on the PGA European tour, a record punctuated only by his indifferent performance in the United States Open, the Open Championship and the US PGA Championship. He finished joint sixth at Turnberry which was his lowest placing in 10 tournaments that count for the Epsom order of merit - and is currently 89 under par for the season, with a stroke average of 68.92. The world No 1 has now won 48 tournaments around the world since he achieved his initial breakthrough by capturing the Dutch Open in 1976. The mercurial Spaniard relishes setting new standards and has already established a record for one season by passing the £162,552 that Sandy Lyle earned last year. Moreover, he has equalled the five victories achieved by Nick Faldo in 1983 - acknowledged as a record since the British and Continental tours linked together in 1972 - and he will have no better chance of beating the all-time European record of seven wins. Norman von Nida, of Australia, set that particular target in 1947, 10 years before Ballesteros was born, and Florin van Donck, of Belgium, equalled it in 1953. The one-year suspension placed upon Ballesteros by the US PGA tour, for his failure to compete in a minimum of 15 tournaments in 1985, released him to concentrate his efforts on Europe. Even so, his achievement in climbing to the top of the order of merit with winnings of £195,532 - he has not reached such heights since 1978 - is quite exceptional at a time when the European tour is widely acknowledged as being stronger than ever before. That belief is highlighted by the failure of Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle to gain one European victory between them this year. In truth, Langer has completed in only four tournaments, finishing in all but one of them, but Lyle and Faldo have each won on nine and 10 occasions respectively. The German Open has succeeded in bringing together these four high-talented players for only the third time in Europe this season. Only Langer, however, would appear to have the confidence in his game to halt the relentless progress of Ballesteros. Langer, however, would be the first to admit there is nothing quite like winning. He has so far failed to achieve a success this year despite earning more than \$350,000 (about £236,000) on the American circuit where he was beaten in a play-off for the Andy Williams Open earlier in the season and more recently finished runner-up in the International, at Denver, Colorado. Lyle has savoured success, winning the Greater Greensboro Open in North Carolina in April, but he has lacked inspiration in Europe. Faldo, meanwhile, has gone an agonizing 27 months without winning. He managed to finish fifth in last month's Open, but one week later trailed home 14 strokes behind Ballesteros in the Dutch Open. That was Ballesteros's last European appearance. He subsequently made a premature departure from the US PGA Championship since when he has taken time out to rest at home and attend to other business arrangements. Ballesteros has not won the German Open since 1978, though Langer has taken the title three times in the last five years. Tony Jacklin is the only British player to have won in the last 10 years.

1986 European tour records

Table with columns: Tournament, Position, R1, R2, R3, R4, Agg, Winnings. Lists records for Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo.

Order of Merit Position: 1. Rounds: 40; Strokes: 2,757; Stroke average: 68.92

Nick Faldo

Table with columns: Tournament, Position, R1, R2, R3, R4, Agg, Winnings. Lists records for Nick Faldo.

Order of Merit Position: 9. Rounds: 34; Strokes: 2,415; Stroke average: 71.03

Bernhard Langer

Table with columns: Tournament, Position, R1, R2, R3, R4, Agg, Winnings. Lists records for Bernhard Langer.

Order of Merit Position: 11. Rounds: 16; Strokes: 1,130; Stroke average: 70.62

Sandy Lyle

Table with columns: Tournament, Position, R1, R2, R3, R4, Agg, Winnings. Lists records for Sandy Lyle.

Order of Merit Position: 32. Rounds: 30; Strokes: 2,146; Stroke average: 71.53



Ballesteros: setting new standards

OLYMPIC GAMES

Calgary going for gold

New York (Reuter) - Organizers of the 1988 winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta, vowed yesterday to ensure the profit-making techniques used at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Calling the Los Angeles Olympics "a major breakthrough", Otto Delbeck, the Canadian minister of state for fitness and amateur sport, said: "International games are going to be modelled on the success of Los Angeles. Sport is a business. In the past Canada has not been aggressive enough in financing and marketing sports."

Jelinek, together with William Wardle, a games' official, reeled off a list of corporate sponsorship deals already completed, as well as television rights agreements with Canadian, United States and Japanese networks. Wardle said additional agreements were expected to be finalized by the end of the year. Referring to the Los Angeles Olympics as the "free enterprise games", Wardle said the sports' official was being allotted an exclusive basis within each industry except in the case of petroleum. Alberta's major industry and employer. Jelinek said that Calgary, unlike Los Angeles, did not have a wealth of sites already in place for Olympic sports events and said the Canadian government had made a commitment of more than \$140 million. None of that was being raised by taxes, he said.

Jelinek also attacked both drugs and medical boycotts in sport and called for a joint effort against drugs not only in the interests of health and fair play, but also because of commercial interests. Jelinek argued that no concerted effort should be made by the politically-motivated boycotts of the recent Commonwealth Games and the 1984 Los Angeles and 1980 Moscow Olympics. Toronto is to launch a bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games. The city council has voted unanimously to back the bid, which was first proposed by some 50 companies who have planned forces to put up the money for the formation of a Toronto-Ontario Olympic committee. The consortium had presented a report to the council, showing that if the city were to host the Games, it could bring in a profit of more than \$Can 1,000 million to Toronto and the province of Ontario.

CYCLING

E German gets her skates on

Colorado Springs (Reuter) - East German women made their debut in the world championships yesterday after inclement weather threatened to wash out the previous night's opening ceremonies. Connie Paraskevina, of the United States, began her attempt to regain the women's world sprint title, which she lost last year after three successive victories, in a qualifying run that included a worrisome non-challenger. Christa Rothenberger, of East Germany, won the Olympic 500 metres speedskating gold medal in 1984, joined Erika Salounaice, of the Soviet Union, as one of Paraskevina's main rivals, according to the 25-year-old American, herself a former speedskater.

"Knowing how powerful Christa was on skates, she's bound to be as impressive as the top East German men have been for a long time," Paraskevina said after her final training. Women's cycling is being included in the Olympic Games for the first time in 1988 and the East Germans are using the world championships as an international test for a training programme, which has already produced a powerful men's team. Paraskevina said the East German women had been doing sprint training for at least three years. East Germany's Lutz Heschl, seeking his third consecutive amateur world title, was among those riding in the first of 12 amateur and professional events on the fast concrete track of the Olympic Training Centre velodrome. The Soviet Union's Vlastislav Ekimov will also be defending his title in the 4,000 metres individual pursuit. Organizers apologized for delays in getting the mile-high velodrome ready, blaming the wettest August in Colorado Springs' history. "The weather can't get any worse for August, so it's got to get better," James Paraskevina, general manager of the championships, said. He added that a record 900 cyclists from 57 countries were taking part in the event. Italy's Maria Canins, the 1986 1,000 metres world champion, featured a collar-bone in a fall during training, forcing her out of the road race. Canins, aged 37, who finished second to Jeanette Loupe, of France, last year, was blown over by a gust of wind during a training run on the road race circuit at the United States Air Force Academy, a team spokesman said.

FOOTBALL

Play-offs open up Spanish league

By Clive White

Madrid (Reuter) - The Spanish first division championship, which gets underway on Sunday, should be dominated by the country's two soccer giants, Barcelona and Real Madrid. The two clubs appear to be head and shoulders above their 16 rivals, although the new play-off system introduced for this season adds uncertainty to a tougher and extended competition.

Real Madrid and Barcelona were at the forefront of an excellent 1985-86 season in which Spain had a representative in all three European finals and reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Mexico. Real league champions and UEFA Cup winners, made only minor changes to their powerful squad, built around Emilio Butragueno, Argentine Jorge Valdano and Mexican Hugo Sanchez - the Spanish league's top scorer for the last two seasons. The new coach, Benito Alkanber, the former coach of the Dutch national side said: "I want the team to be faster and more flexible. I shall try to change our style and bring in some of my own ideas."

Wealthy Barcelona, reeling from a heartbreaking year, have characteristically spent around \$8 million in a bid to retain their position. The club has signed goalkeeper, from Athletic Bilbao, Barcelona went agonizingly close to a historic treble last season but emerged with precious little in the end. They finished second to odds in the league, were beaten by Zaragoza in the Spanish Cup final and saw the dream of winning the European Cup crushed in the final by Steaua Bucharest of Romania in a nerve-racking penalty shoot-out.

Terry Venables, the English coach who has made the league his number one priority, won his fight to remove Bernd Schuster, the West German midfielder, from the team in order to bring in Hughes and Lindeker as the two foreigners the club allows in its field. Steve Archibald, the Scottish international, will play for Athletic. Barcelona's second division team, but what will happen to Schuster is not yet clear. Schuster, who has been in Venables and Barcelona's executives, has two more years in Spain and has threatened to sue the club for not registering him in the league this year.

Hopkins talks to City

Dave Bassett, the Wimbledon manager, appears unlikely to succeed in his attempt to sign Steve Hopkins, the Birmingham City winger, who travelled to Manchester City yesterday to have talks with the club. Bassett admitted: "He is still keen to sign for Birmingham, but I think I shall be able to strengthen my squad here. We've 20 professional players who can slip into the first team but we need more strength and depth now that we are in the first division."

Amateur game gets cash boost

The new season opens on Sunday with the Australian tourists eagerly awaited, and new sponsors, Stones Bitter, providing the highest-ever cash prize of £20,000 for the champions. However, to prove again that the amateur game is in a cloud, Fulham have given up the ghost after a long struggle, and three second division clubs are angry that other clubs get four points from the Fulham fixtures while they go none. The dog fight to avoid the bottom four positions in division one, with four clubs going down and only two coming up to reduce the first division to 14 clubs. Terry Holmes, with his wheelchair, showed a dog fight to avoid the bottom four positions in division one, with four clubs going down and only two coming up to reduce the first division to 14 clubs. Terry Holmes, with his wheelchair, showed a dog fight to avoid the bottom four positions in division one, with four clubs going down and only two coming up to reduce the first division to 14 clubs.

RUFGY LEAGUE DIARY

Despite all these talking points, the weekend headlines may be stolen initially from the professional game by the latest magnificent achievement of the British Amateur Rugby League Association. On Saturday, with the opening of the new season, the 14 clubs which will launch the new national amateur league, featuring the cream of amateur clubs from Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire, with others champing at the bit for admission. There are two clubs from Cumbria, Egremont and Millon. The four Lancashire sides are Leigh Miners Welfare, Rensgate, St. Patrick's and Woolston. From Yorkshire come Dudley Hill, Milford, Heworth and West.

Space invaders who dupe the trout

Untutored farm trout eat almost anything. Cigarette ends, empty beer cans, paper wrappers, milk bottle tops. A whole new business has grown up around their indiscriminate tastes on which a whole new generation of fly dressers spend creative talents. Many of these anglers, even more particularly if it catches fish, or maybe less so, according to one's inclination, but things do not stop there. Feathers from women's toques, ostrich fronds and spangles from the haberdashers are now...

Whatever the reason, some of these confections, such as the Flashabout Pretty Dog, had to be included in the latest book on flies, the New Illustrated Dictionary of Trout Flies (Allen and Unwin, £14.95) but the author, John Roberts, wisely goes there small space among the 900 patterns listed, of which more than 400 are illustrated in full colour. It is an admirable reference work, beautifully researched, with glossary, bibliography and index, and is a valuable addition to the fly dressers' library.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Table of sports results including Football (First Division, League One, League Two), Rugby Union (Leicestershire, Gloucestershire, etc.), and other sports like Table Tennis and Cycling.

EUROPEAN ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Table of athletic results for various events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, 20000m, 30000m, 40000m, 50000m, 60000m, 70000m, 80000m, 90000m, 100000m, 110000m, 120000m, 130000m, 140000m, 150000m, 160000m, 170000m, 180000m, 190000m, 200000m.

RUGBY UNION

Davies out of start to the new season

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Huw Davies, England's full-back since June last year, will miss the first two months of the new season, which includes the game at Twickenham on October 11 between an England XV and Japan. Davies is due to have an exploratory operation on his left shoulder and it is probable that a further operation will be necessary. Davies, aged 27, was forced to leave the field in the international last season against Scotland and France. Each time he fell on the shoulder in last ditch tackles at the corner flag, it is believed that small pieces of bone are floating around the joint and need to be removed. The last six of Davies's 21 caps have been at fullback after he began his international career at stand-off half, subsequently being moved to centre. The experiment which began in New Zealand last year has proved a mixed success, but the game against Japan will give the selectors an opportunity to look once more at Rose (Hartlepool) or Williams (Orrell). Wasse, Davies's club, should not be unduly worried. They have Stringer, an international, to rely upon and the prospect of introductions of their own future stars, Simms and Andrew to their back division, but Andrew's plans must wait for confirmation after the player returns from his summer playing for Gordon, the Sydney club. Bath, the John Player Special Cup holders, will begin the season without Trick, twice capped on the wing by England. Trick's job has taken him to London and he has told club colleagues he intends to take a rest from rugby and resume athletics, the sport at which he excelled as a schoolboy sprint champion. Hill, who ended last season as England's scrum half when he replaced Melville against France, has been elected captain of Bath, an appointment which will have wide significance. His powers of leadership will certainly be considered by the England selectors whose list of potential England captains is not long. Hill, now 25, won the first of his caps against South Africa in 1984 but his next three have all been as a replacement for Melville. The maturity he showed at Twickenham in April, playing against the touring Lions in the International Board century match, and the responsibility he must adopt as captain of one of England's premier clubs, will make him a live candidate, both as first choice national scrum half and captain. Bath, who open their season with a testing little encounter against Pontypool next Wednesday, are one of five English sides due to play the touring Fiji Barbarians, who have received approval to tour, even if their fixture list has not yet received official approval from the Rugby Football Union. The Fijians, who hope to include Australian and New Zealand internationals in their ranks, are expected to arrive in Argentina, Chile and Paraguay before arriving in Britain where they open against Pontypool on October 29. The closing stages of their tour, which will end at the inaugural First Division Barbarians championship in Gloucester in December, have yet to be finalised, but they have 10 confirmed fixtures. Proposed Fiji-Barbarians itinerary: October 29 v Pontypool; November 6 v Cardiff; 13 v Leicestershire; 19 v Hartlepool; 16 v Orrell; 19 v Bath; 23 v Lansdowne; 26 v Ulster; 29 v Munster.

Elected captain

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Andrew moves to Wasps

Rob Andrew, the England fly-half, is to join Wasps, the London club, upon his return to Britain next month. Andrew, who has been playing club rugby in Sydney this summer, has abandoned his original plans to remain with Northampton. The former Cambridge player is transferring from the same firm of chartered surveyors, for whom he has been working in Sydney, to his London headquarters. He said: "I had thought it would be possible to commute up to Nottingham and therefore remain with the club. But I have realized that simply isn't practical. And so I am joining Wasps and looking forward to the experience."

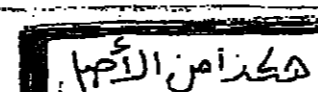
Andrew will team up with several former University colleagues at Sudbury, including Huw Davies, Simon Smith, the club's new vice-captain, Mark Bailey, and Tim O'Leary and John Ellison, both new recruits. Andrew says: "I know some people don't have a great opinion of London rugby but I believe that has changed, as London proved in the divisional championship last winter. I didn't see but I understand that Wasps played some superb football in the knock-out final at the end of last season. And I am sure I shall fit in well and be happy at the club."

Yesterday

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Souter in charge

John Souter leads a five-strong England team defending the quadrangular table tennis international in Dublin on September 12 to 13. Souter, aged 22, from London, who stands at No 5 in the English rankings, will be joined by Nicky Mason (Bexhill), Bradley Billington (Cherterfield), Mandy Sansbury (Newbury) and Andrew Hills (Ramsbottom). The annual fixture involves the four home countries and marks the start of the 1986-87 season.



Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larard

BBC 1
6.00 Breakfast AM
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood...

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Diana Vignall and Adrian Brown...



Ian Holm on TV at 8.30pm

CHOICE
country house to challenge his credentials in the view of Nick Evans's total success...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University: Discovering the World of Madness (2)...

CHANNEL 4
2.30 Film: Dark Victory (1939) starring Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart and Ronald Reagan...

Radio 4
Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing: 6.10 Farming...

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SPORT

Thompson trails to the resurgent star of Germany

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stuttgart

Daley Thompson had the best possible start in defence of his European championship...

But despite another personal best by one centimetre in the shot his jumping let him down and after four events Thompson was 54 points behind his perennial rival...

Thompson had said that he wanted to begin by running faster than the previous decathlon 100 metres best of 10.37...

Full set of medals now looks possible for British trio

From David Miller, Stuttgart

The scene is set for a sprinters finish in the 800 metres final this evening with the possibility that Britain could take the first three places...

Yesterday's semi-finals were relatively cagey affairs with the effort in both worlds signed to the last 250 metres...

Coe, who feels he is in the best shape for an 800 since the Europa Cup semi-finals of 1981...

Cram had also trotted round at the back for some while, as is his custom, and only closed in on the leaders coming through to the bell...

Coe concedes that Cram's remarkable strength might be a problem in a race run hard from the gun...

passed by Collard of France and Cram, who strode clear to fourth. Cram, as in Edinburgh, when he ran his world's best time of the year in miserable conditions...

Coe, likewise, is looking in the same flowing form. Free of all pressures, as he did in that remarkable sequence in Los Angeles...

McKean said afterwards how grateful he had been for Coe's gesture in helping him to get out of trouble...

Like him, there will be no such love this evening during the race, which will help determine whether or not Coe keeps running next year...

Hemel/Watford Royals, the first division basketball club, who may lose their England international Tony Balogun to a rival club because of a contractual dispute...

West German this year, was still over 100 points. But despite the double Olympic champion improving his shot put best to 15.73 metres in the third event...

That deficit was translated into a 54-point lead for Hingsen when Thompson failed to do better than two metres in the high jump...

Hingsen had 3,718 points. Voss had even sneaked into second with 3,662 and Thompson was on 3,660...

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Ovett told to 'keep clear'

From Pat Butcher, Stuttgart

Never ask athletes how they feel. You are likely to get a list of ailments longer than the collated index of The Lancet...

In can only be the reason why, when Steve Ovett, after finally deciding to come here, leading us to believe that his cold was better, reported yesterday that his doctor had told him that he still has a virus and that he should keep clear of other athletes...

This could prove a difficulty in the heat of the 5,000 metres tonight. But, in the unlikely event of the organisers giving the 'old soldier' a third heat all to himself to run a qualifying time, he will have to rely on, as he also said: 'Getting through the heat, and by Sunday (the final), I should be O.K.'

Stefano Mei could also prove a difficulty for everybody else in the 5,000 metres after his marvellous defeat of compatriot, Alberto Cova in the 10,000 metres event. There is great rivalry between the two men and Mei relishes his playboy image...

running as much as Cova does. But it will come as much as a surprise to club distance runners everywhere, as it was to his elite opponents here, to hear how short Mei kept his training runs as final preparation for his victory...

There is also a parallel lesson for British management, seeing their three runners down the field while the Italian trio swept the board, Salvatore Antibo taking the bronze behind Mei and Cova...

As long ago as 1974, the Italian Federation decided to protect medal winning potential by ensuring that their top distance runners did not leave their best performances in road racing, which looked as if it was about to enjoy a spectacular ascendancy...

Road racing has, indeed become a huge temptation. But the Italian remedy was as admirable as their prognosis. Aware that athletics was already professional in all but name, they decided to indemnify their dozen top distance men against money they could have won in road races in the months leading up to championships...

Christie wins a gold for Britain

From Pat Butcher, Stuttgart

Linford Christie capped a marvellous year which began with his emergence as a world-class sprinter when he won the European 200 metres indoor title in Madrid by taking the European 100 metres in the 14th Championships last night...

It was the first time that there has ever been three British sprinters in a European sprint final, but it had involved them wincing and dealing after an indeterminate semi-final photo-finish before both McFarlane and Antoine Richard of France and both being included in the final, making nine men in the line-up...

Christie had looked the best bet for victory in both heats and semi-finals, and after an average start in which he was headed by Viktor Bryagin of the Soviet Union and the other Frenchman, Bruno Marie-Rose, Christie forged ahead after 50 metres...

If the promise of the 400 metres heats realizes as much as the 100 metres preliminaries, then British athletes could be looking forward to their best medal haul in these championships since Athens in 1969, when six gold medals, four silver and seven bronze were taken home...

Black employed the blazing start which eventually won him the Commonwealth title in Edinburgh last month. Running from lane two, he was abreast of his opponents by the halfway mark...

Brown also employed his customary start, which is, to be kind, a little less violent than Black's tactics. He was fourth, at best, by the halfway mark, and only edged through, dipping deliberately to steal victory on the line with his opponents easing up...

Redmond only needed a few more metres than he took Black to be able to stride easily down the straight with his opponents, including West German Ralf Lübke, Europe's fastest man this year, in his wake...

Zola Budd's prospects for tonight's 3,000 metres final look far brighter than they did after her poor form of the last month. But her greatest danger is still the practical naivety which she displayed in racing after Olympic champion, Maricica Puica during the last laps of her heat...

A peek behind Daley's masks

DAVID MILLER

Daley Thompson and I have something in common, though he might be reluctant to admit it. Both his mother and my father believed there was no future for us in sport...

He is a competitor of remarkable intensity, able to sustain concentration not just over the two days of his event but during years of lonely training, which makes him a champion among champions...

Considering that when he began the decathlon he could throw the shot barely 33 feet and pole vault just over eight feet, his rise has been phenomenal. Yet from the start he had profound self-confidence...

When he achieved the qualifying standard for Montreal by a few points, and came eighth, behind Jensen, he thought there was nothing he had seen...

The narrative - short, punchy sentences not unlike a military psychology manual and aimed at convincing the reader rather than the flamboyant way Daley floors his opponents - gives a feeling of his unshibbled exuberance, the characteristic which makes him popular. Daley had all the disadvantages of a child of a mixed marriage, and not much going for him other than the gift of natural speed...

When he ran the 1500 in Los Angeles with a new world record so transparently within reach and failed by a stride in a time well outside his best, I was convinced it was deliberate and felt annoyed. In a persuasive way he explains his reason: 'It would have been too easy to let it be the pinnacle. I needed something ahead to aim at. That's what I was'

thinking as I ran: 'Two down and one to go'. I couldn't let LA be the end. What else would I do? Work for a living? You're kidding!'

Second, where he will be the same age as Coe in these championships, now attempting the 800, is the target for a final farewell world record. Daley explains, in a way which every performer who becomes involuntarily the property of the public will appreciate, is resentment of intrusion; why he rejects the presumptuous Wogan show as well as some press interview: 'You might think me strange, but I don't enjoy people staring at me except for those two days when I'm doing my thing, when I'm on my stage.'

That is a legitimate emotion. Yet he is foolishly off-balance in saying that 'the press think they are responsible for a celebrity's fame'. That no press cannot know the truth - 'if I don't talk to them', or that 'they are lazy and don't bother to understand my event'...

If the event is complicated, then he has a duty to help explain it. In fact, of course, it is not complicated, it is just boring to all but a minority of enthusiasts. We enjoy people throwing the javelin no further than I did 30 years ago, without a day's coaching? What fascinates the public is Daley's sense of fun together with his endurance. It is him they enjoy more than what he does.

\* Daley, The Last Ten Years (with Neil Wilson) Collins, £9.95.

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Gorman is told what to do

From Richard Evans, New York

Tom Gorman, the United States Davis Cup captain, has been ordered not to select John McEnroe for the semifinal against Australia which will be played on grass in Brisbane during the first week of October...

The man preventing Gorman from choosing his own team is Randy Gregson, president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), a seemingly debonair New Orleans businessman who has been ruthless in stamping his own ideas of patriotism on American tennis since taking over the presidency last year...

Gregson has stated publicly that McEnroe's past behaviour makes him 'unacceptable' as a member of the Davis Cup squad and that all the candidates interviewed for the captaincy, who included Stan Smith, Marty Riessen and Brian Gottfried, were aware that McEnroe would not be allowed to play...

'I knew of Gregson's views on McEnroe but I was never told I would not be allowed to pick the team I wanted,' Gorman told me. 'Obviously I want John to play, especially as the tie is to be played on grass. But if I am not able to have him there must be a reason that makes sense.'

McEnroe, who was beaten by Paul Annacone in the first round of the US Open, told me: 'I thought it would be nice to play but I don't want to get Tom fired so we'll just let it rest for a while until I decide what I am going to do about my tennis. Right now I am definitely lacking motivation.'

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Exhausted Gower takes rest

By Marcus Williams

David Gower, the Leicestershire and former England captain, is to take a break from cricket until the end of the season in preparation for the forthcoming tour of Australia. He made the decision last Friday before going on to score 131 in the final Test match against New Zealand at the Oval...

Gower, who has the county's backing, said he was mentally and physically exhausted after months of concerted pressure, which began with the death of his mother shortly before last winter's 5-0 defeat in the West Indies.

Golden handshake

Jock Wallace, dismissed earlier this year as the Glasgow Rangers manager, received a £100,000 pay-off when he left the club. The figure was revealed yesterday in the club's annual report, which shows that Rangers made an overall loss of £108,000 last year after paying out almost £130,000 in compensation to their dismissed back-room staff...

New signing

Castleford rugby league club have signed Chris Johns, one of Australia's top centres. Johns, aged 22, plays for St George, the Sydney side, and will join Colin Scott, the Brisbane full-back when he arrives at Wheldon Road next month.

Richards backed in petition move

By Richard Streeton

A petition calling for the resignation of Somerset's general committee and the re-engagement of Vic Richards and Joel Garner as players, was being signed by county members yesterday at the Taunton ground during Somerset's game with Essex. The petition calls for a special general meeting of the club to be held at which a resolution expressing no confidence in the present committee would be put...

By tea-time, Bridget Langdon, a Somerset life member and the petition's instigator, had collected 115 names to be discussed within 21 days of the petition being handed in. Mrs Langdon, who is chairman of the parish council at Odcombe, a village near Yeovil, said: 'We want a general meeting to have the chance of discussing this disturbing matter. We do not believe the whole truth has yet come out.'

Big push

Greg LeMond, of the United States, the recent winner of the Tour de France, will compete in the five-day Nissan international cycle race in Ireland from October 1 to 5. He has signed up for the Panasonic squad, which includes Robert Millar, of Scotland, and Eric Vanderaerden, of Belgium.

Close shave

Wally Joyner, a baseball player for the California Angels, escaped injury in his side's game against the New York Yankees on Tuesday night, when he was hit in the arm by a knife thrown from the upper deck of the Yankee Stadium. The knife, about a foot long, was thrown as the Angels came off the field in the ninth innings of their 2-0 victory.

Oldest sailor is calm

From Barry Pickthall, Newport, Rhode Island

Harry Mitchell, the sole British entrant preparing for the start of the BOC single-handed round the world race on Saturday, is spending almost as much time shunning publicity as he is in putting the finishing touches to his boat.

At 62, the retired garage owner from Portsmouth is oldest among the 25 competitors and is full of awe for the great names moored around him and cannot understand why he should be attracting such attention.

When a fellow journalist went to interview him on his boat before setting out across the Atlantic from England, Mitchell avoided the interview by claiming that he was his brother and sent the hapless scribe on a wild goose chase around Portsmouth. When finally rumbled, he had already set off for Newport.

'What do you want to interview me for. I've done nothing to deserve it,' he pleaded yesterday.

In fact, his list of 'non-achievements' includes a single-handed race to the Azores and back, and two single-handed transatlantic races. Yesterday he was meeting friends made during those events that he had not seen for 10 years, such as Jerry Carwright, the Atlantic class winner.

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